

TEACHING GUIDE 2019/20

Centre 323 - Faculty of Social and Communication Sciences

Cycle Indiferente

Plan GPOLIT30 - Bachelor's Degree in Political Science & Public-Sector Management

Year Fourth year

SUBJECT

27198 - Comparative Politics

ECTS Credits: 6

DESCRIPTION & CONTEXTUALISATION OF THE SUBJECT

The aim of this subject course is to study, from a comparative standpoint, the main features of different political systems selected as cases of special interest (the United Kingdom, the USA, France and Germany). The idea of this is to describe the practical functioning of structures, players and dynamics already dealt with on other subject courses, as well as demonstrating the usefulness of the comparative method in the study of political science. Comparative analysis of complex political systems.

COMPETENCIES/LEARNING RESULTS FOR THE SUBJECT

- C1. Understanding the main theories and methodological aspects in the comparative study of political systems.
 - C2. Identifying features and classification of contemporary political systems on the basis of their main organisational and functional features.
 - C3. Distinguishing the specific features of a series of specific political systems according to their relevance.
 - C4. Developing the abilities of critical reasoning and argument.
- Also, the following transversal competencies of the 4th year of the degree in Political Science and Public Administration will be worked on and assessed:
- C5. Understanding the fundamentals of comparative analysis as applied to the study of political systems and transformation of the state and public administration.
 - C6. Understanding the impact of ideologies, interest groups and political and social movements on the political process, in order to design tools and plans for mediation and to manage conflicting interests in the domestic and international spheres.

THEORETICAL/PRACTICAL CONTENT

- 1. Comparative politics and the comparative method.
- 2. The political system as a product of the historical process.
- 3. Parliamentary, presidential and semi-presidential forms of government.
- 4. Comparative forms of regional government.
- 5. Political cultures and subcultures.
- 6. Comparative party systems.
- 7. Multidimensional comparison and contemporary empiricism.

METHODS

Lectures will be combined with activities, practical work and tasks to be performed in the classroom and at home (reading, discussing videos, debates, presentations etc.). This subject course is primarily lecture-based (5.3 credits), with some practical work (0.7 credits).

TYPES OF TEACHING

Type of teaching	M	S	GA	GL	GO	GCL	TA	TI	GCA
Classroom hours	53		7						
Hours of study outside the classroom	79,5		10,5						

Legend: M: Lecture S: Seminario GA: Pract.Class.Work GL: Pract.Lab work GO: Pract.computer wo
GCL: Clinical Practice TA: Workshop TI: Ind. workshop GCA: Field workshop

ASSESSMENT SYSTEMS

- Final assessment system

TOOLS USED & GRADING PERCENTAGES

- Extended written exam 50%
- Practical work (exercises, case studies & problems set) 50%

ORDINARY EXAM CALL: GUIDELINES & DECLINING TO SIT

To pass the subject course, students can choose between two different forms of assessment:

- 1. Mixed system of assessment consist of;
 - a. WRITTEN EXAMINATION TO BE SAT 50%

- b. PRACTICAL WORK (EXERCISES, CASE STUDIES OR PROBLEMS) and/or assessment test during the course: 50%
2. Final assessment: The assessment will consist of sitting a written examination and/or a test (scoring a maximum of 10 out of 10).

EXTRAORDINARY EXAM CALL: GUIDELINES & DECLINING TO SIT

The extraordinary session will be assessed through a written examination and/or test on the subject matter taught in the class (scoring a maximum of 10 out of 10).

COMPULSORY MATERIALS

- Almond, Gabriel A. eta G. Bingham Powell. 1978. Política comparada: una concepción evolutiva. Buenos Aires: Paidós.
Blondel, Jean et al. 1981. El Gobierno: Estudios Comparados. Madrid: Alianza.
Colomer, Josep M. 1995. La Política Europa: Introducción a las instituciones de quince países. Barcelona: Ariel, Barcelona.
Cotarelo, Ramón. 1993. Sistemas Políticos de la Unión Europea. Madrid: Universitas.
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Basic bibliography

- Aguilera de Prat, Cesáreo R. eta Rafael Martínez. 2000. Sistemas de Gobierno, partidos y territorio. Madrid: Tecnos.
Alcántara, Manuel. 1999. Sistemas Políticos de América Latina. Madrid: Tecnos.
Cavero, Iñigo eta Tomás Zamora. 1996. Los sistemas políticos. Madrid: Universitas.
Flores Juberías, Carlos. 1997. Las nuevas instituciones políticas de la Europa oriental. Madrid: Centro de Estudios Constitucionales.
Linz, Juan J. eta Arturo Valenzuela. 1997. La Crisis del Presidencialismo: Perspectivas Comparadas. Madrid: Alianza.

In-depth bibliography

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Ganghof, Steffen (2003): "Promises and Pitfalls of Veto Player Analysis", Swiss Political Science Review 9(2): 1-25.
Linz, Juan J. eta Arturo Valenzuela (1997): La Crisis del Presidencialismo: Perspectivas Comparadas. Madrid: Alianza.
Matala, Tsimpanga (1996): El Poder por el poder en Africa. Vitoria: Gobierno Vasco.
McGann, Anthony (2004a): "The Tyranny of the Supermajority: How Majority Rule Protects Minorities", Journal of Theoretical Politics 16 (1): 53-77.

Journals

- Comparative Politics
- European Journal of Political Research
- Party Politics
- Revista de Estudios Políticos
- Revista Española de Ciencia Política
- West European Politics.

Useful websites

- <http://www.europeansocialsurvey.org/>
http://ec.europa.eu/public_opinion

www.undp.org
<http://www.idea.int/>
<http://www.parliament.uk/>
<http://www.house.gov/>
<http://www.assemblee-nationale.fr/>
http://www.bundestag.de/htdocs_e/index.html

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