



## **COMPARATIVE POLITICS**

Bachelor in History and Political Science

Faculty of Liberal Arts

### **Course information**

Bachelor year 2                      24 HOURS

Spring Semester                      5 ECTS

Tutorials (TD)

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Course Code: FDL\_HIST\_SCPO\_L2\_S4\_TD\_SCPO

### **Course description**

Following the theoretical approach of various political organizations and regimes, the course will elaborate on different examples of contemporary forms of government, such as the United Kingdom, USA, China, Russia, Iran, and India. In order to fully understand the founding principles of the different political organizations and apply the specific methodology of Comparative Politics. The course is entirely in English to enable students to master the specific vocabulary associated with this field of study.

### **Learning Objectives**

Upon successful completion of the course, the learner is expected to be able to introduce the thoughts on democracy from Ancient Greece to the modern political world; examine different governance systems; gain a basic understanding of the relationships between individuals, actors, and processes across various political systems, both historical and contemporary; and develop an individual capability to enhance approaches and develop perspectives on the central themes, theories, concepts, and questions of the contemporary study of comparative politics.

### **Course Prerequisites**

The course does not have any prerequisites for students continuing their education in the fields of Political Science, International Relations and History.

### **Method of Instruction**

Lectures are held with the assistance of PowerPoint slides; group discussions and debates; pre-class readings to provide information about the main context of the week; regular attendance to maintain students' focus on the course; and two written exams involving both objective questions and essay questions to evaluate the acquisitions.

### **Assessment and Final Grade**

Each student is required to take a proctored mid-term exam and a final exam. Additionally, students are expected to collaborate on a group project based on a given topic and present it in class.

### **Course Requirements**

Regular attendance is mandatory. Each student is supposed to read the required readings provided by the lecturer before the related lesson. The supplemental readings are optional and aim to provide additional knowledge to complement the required readings.

### **Bibliography**

Anthony H. BIRCH, *The Concepts and Theories of Modern Democracy* (London: Routledge, Third Edition, 2007)

Cornelius CASTORIADIS. *Philosophy, Politics, Autonomy*. Oxford University Press. 1991 (PDF available online with a Google search)

Bernard MANIN. *Principes du gouvernement représentatif*. Champs Flammarion. 2008

Hannah ARENDT. *Between past and Future: Eight Exercises in Political Thought*. New York: Penguin, 1978