



COMPARATIVE POLITICS

Bachelor of Social Sciences

Faculty of Social Sciences, Economics and Law

Course information

Bachelor Year 2 24 HOURS

Spring Semester 5 ECTS

Lectures (CM)

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Course description

The objective this course is to introduce students the fundamentals of Comparative Politics. From a methodological perspective, comparison remains one of the most important and “natural” approaches to deciphering and apprehending others’ differences and similarities. The comparative approach provides us with the ability to analyze different political systems, political thought, or “styles” of governance and their (un)expected consequences. This course will also seek to explore how both domestic and international politics, in addition to structural changes have influenced leaders’ policies and forced them to rethink traditional perspectives. Numerous theories and methodological approaches will be put forth to foster our understanding of the complex issues shaping politics.

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