

Comparative World Governments - Political Science 2640, Fall 2009

Comparative World Gov. Pol. Sci. # 2640 Fall 2009 CRN# 40371 9:00 am - 9:50 am MWF / Meshel Hall 337 Prerequisite PS 1550, 1560, or perm. of instructor	Dr. David Porter Office; 430 DeBartolo Hall Ph # 330-941- 3436 (1669) E-Mail: dsporter@ysu.edu Office Hours; M W F, 10:00-10:50am, 2:00-3:00pm, and by appoint on T & Th
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**Text:** Comparative Politics, Charles Hauss, Thomson Wadsworth, Sixth Ed. (Includes a Useful Website@)  
Assigned Reading from the Internet will be distributed as part of each sectional test.

**Course Description:** See Undergraduate Bulletin

**General Education Course:** This is a General Education Course that satisfies Societies and Institutions Knowledge Domain. (see Under Graduate Bulletin) The Course is designed to stress GER Goal #10 concerning the development of cultures and organizations of human societies, and Goal #11 concerning the impact of theories, events and institutions of the social, economic, legal and political aspects of society. (see YSU Web Site under GER <http://www.ysu.edu/ger/> )

**Educational Objectives:** This course three primary educational objectives: 1) an introduction to the field of Comparative Politics including the primary theories of the field, 2) to survey the politics and the political systems of divers countries, and 3) to illustrate the diversity, complexity, and uniqueness of human society while recognizing the common problems faced by all governments, cultures, nationalities and countries.

**Evaluation:** The class is divided into an Introduction that covers the basic theories of Comparative Politics and three sections, Industrial Democracies, Post Communist or Transitional, and Developing Countries.

**Assessment:** 2640 is being assessed as part of YSU=s on going self evaluation. Assessment consist of two in class quizzes. The first quiz covers the introduction and is UNGRADED. A similar GRADED in class quiz covering the same material, will be given on the last day of class.

**Tests:** There is one take home test over each section of the course. Proper referencing/footnoting, is required for the take home tests, and students are expected to include material from the text, lecture, and assigned web sites..

**Late Work:** Late work is down graded by 5% if handed in same day but after class, and downgrades 10% a day starting the day after the work was due. THIS INCLUDES E-MAILED WORK! & Weekends count!

**Attendance:** Students may miss up to 20% of classes without penalty, grade reduced 10% for each additional absence.

**Extra Credit:** Worth a maximum of 10 percent of total grade, extra credit points are averaged into the final grade.

Option One: Review scholarly articles approved by instructor on the current international situation. Articles must be approved by instructor - see your instructor.

Option Two: Participate in the Lake Erie Model UN program, October 30 - November 2, 2008, Crowne Plaza Hotel City Center Cleveland, <http://leimun.com/lecc.html> If you are enrolled in Pol Sci 2695 - **No** double dipping

**Grade Distribution:** First Quiz 0 points, Section Tests 400 points (100 each) Second quiz, 50 points,

**Grade Definitions & Scale:** (65 - 0%) F - Failure to meet the minimum requirements, (69 - 65%) D - below average comprehension of the material, (79 - 70%) C - an average comprehension of the material, (94 - 80%) B - above average comprehension . (100 - 95%) A - well above average comprehension. (Difficult to get

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an AA@ without ex-credit)

**Academic Dishonesty:** Any form of cheating or plagiarism will result in a failing grade for the term and the matter may be referred to the Deans office for further action. See the Undergraduate Bulletin, and the Student Code of Conduct for University policy. <http://www.ysu.edu/thecode.pdf>

**Students with Disabilities:** Students with disabilities must be registered with handicapped services. See undergraduate bulletin disability services <http://www.ysu.edu/services/disabilityservices/>

READING SCHEDULE

Date	Topic	Haus
8/24-31	Introduction to Comparative Politics and Course	1-22 & Lecture
9/2	In class Quiz,	
9/2-10/5	Section 1 Country Studies, Industrial Democracies	
	US (read - no lecture)	23-68
	United Kingdom	69-104
	France	105-140
	European Union	175-198
10/7	Test One Handed Out, <b>Due 10/14</b> , NOTE: Internet Readings Assignments	
10/7-11/2	Section 2: Transition from Communism	199-220
	Russian Federation	220-260
	People=s Republic of China	261-296
11/2	Test Two Handed out, <b>Due 11/9</b> , Includes Internet Readings	
11/2-12/4	Section 3: Developing Countries	297-324
	India	325-362
	Mexico	463-502
	Iraq	395-428
	Conclusions	503-520
12/4	Last Day of Class: Second Quiz, all Extra Credit Work Due in Class - Third Sectional Test Handed out - Due in the Political Science Office, 444 DeBartolo by Wednesday 12/9, 4:30 PM	