



Course Name: Introduction to Comparative Politics

Course Number: POL*E102

Credits: 3

Catalog description:

A comparative survey of the structures and functions of the national governments of selected industrialized and third world nations. Topics to be discussed will include key institutions, political attitudes, patterns of interaction and contemporary issues facing each nation.

Prerequisite: ENG*E101 Composition

General Education Competencies Satisfied:

**** This course has been designated as an “Additional General Education II—Global Knowledge” Course****

Discipline-Specific Attribute Code(s):

SSCI Social Science elective

Course Specific Objectives:

1. Recognize ethical issues, both personal and public.
2. Develop a basic understanding of the workings of other political systems.
3. Understand common global issues facing nations today.
4. Understand the impact of the past on the development of modern nations.
5. Develop active listening skills

Course Content:

- I. Introduction
 - a) Defining key institutions and terms.
 - b) Overview, definition and comparison of different political systems
 - c) Discussion of general patterns of interaction between nations.
2. Close examination of selected industrialized and third world nations, each nation studied in terms of
 - a) The impact of past history
 - b) Key political institutions



- c) Political attitudes and culture
 - d) Patterns of local and global political interaction
 - e) Contemporary issues and selected topics
3. Conclusion - commonality of purpose and the need for global cooperation

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