

## Tamkang University Academic Year 107, 1st Semester Course Syllabus

Course Title	COMPARATIVE POLITICS(I)	Instructor	YU, YA-WEN
Course Class	TRDXB2A DEPARTMENT OF DIPLOMACY AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (ENGLISH-TAUGHT PROGRAM), 2A	Details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Selective</li> <li>◆ One Semester</li> <li>◆ 2 Credits</li> </ul>
D e p a r t m e n t a l   A i m   o f   E d u c a t i o n			
<p>To provide students with an understanding of the major theories in diplomacy &amp; international relations and to equip students with practical skills and help them become outstanding members of the diplomatic and international relations community.</p>			
D e p a r t m e n t a l   c o r e   c o m p e t e n c e s			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Every student will process essential understanding of theories of international relations.</li> <li>B. Every student will have primary perception of current international issues.</li> <li>C. Every student will become capable of Independent thinking and information processing to further improve international relations.</li> <li>D. Every student will process essential knowledge of participation in governmental &amp; non-governmental affairs.</li> <li>E. Every student will display high-level competence in English.</li> </ul>			
Course Introduction	<p>Comparative Politics (I) aims to introduce students to the important issues and methods in the field of comparative politics. We will discuss the topics which include: why compare countries, how to compare countries, different ways to compare many countries and few countries, how to do single country studies as comparison...etc.</p>		

**The Relevance among Teaching Objectives, Objective Levels and Departmental core competences**

I.Objective Levels (select applicable ones) :

- (i) Cognitive Domain : C1-Remembering, C2-Understanding, C3-Applying,  
C4-Analyzing, C5-Evaluating, C6-Creating
- (ii) Psychomotor Domain : P1-Imitation, P2-Mechanism, P3-Independent Operation,  
P4-Linked Operation, P5-Automation, P6-Origination
- (iii) Affective Domain : A1-Receiving, A2-Responding, A3-Valuing,  
A4-Organizing, A5-Charaterizing, A6-Implementing

II.The Relevance among Teaching Objectives, Objective Levels and Departmental core competences :

- (i) Determine the objective level(s) in any one of the three learning domains (cognitive, psychomotor, and affective) corresponding to the teaching objective. Each objective should correspond to the objective level(s) of ONLY ONE of the three domains.
- (ii) If more than one objective levels are applicable for each learning domain, select the highest one only. (For example, if the objective levels for Cognitive Domain include C3,C5,and C6, select C6 only and fill it in the boxes below. The same rule applies to Psychomotor Domain and Affective Domain.)
- (iii) Determine the Departmental core competences that correspond to each teaching objective. Each objective may correspond to one or more Departmental core competences at a time. (For example, if one objective corresponds to three Departmental core competences: A,AD, and BEF, list all of the three in the box.)

No.	Teaching Objectives	Relevance	
		Objective Levels	Departmental core competences
1	After completing the course, students should be familiar with the methods and main issues in comparative politics, and should be able to discuss and do some simple analysis in this field.	C3	ABCDE

**Teaching Objectives, Teaching Methods and Assessment**

No.	Teaching Objectives	Teaching Methods	Assessment
1	After completing the course, students should be familiar with the methods and main issues in comparative politics, and should be able to discuss and do some simple analysis in this field.	Lecture, Discussion, Appreciation, Practicum, Problem solving	Report, Participation

This course has been designed to cultivate the following essential qualities in TKU students

Essential Qualities of TKU Students	Description
◆ A global perspective	Helping students develop a broader perspective from which to understand international affairs and global development.
◆ Information literacy	Becoming adept at using information technology and learning the proper way to process information.
◇ A vision for the future	Understanding self-growth, social change, and technological development so as to gain the skills necessary to bring about one's future vision.
◇ Moral integrity	Learning how to interact with others, practicing empathy and caring for others, and constructing moral principles with which to solve ethical problems.
◆ Independent thinking	Encouraging students to keenly observe and seek out the source of their problems, and to think logically and critically.
◇ A cheerful attitude and healthy lifestyle	Raising an awareness of the fine balance between one's body and soul and the environment; helping students live a meaningful life.
◇ A spirit of teamwork and dedication	Improving one's ability to communicate and cooperate so as to integrate resources, collaborate with others, and solve problems.
◇ A sense of aesthetic appreciation	Equipping students with the ability to sense and appreciate aesthetic beauty, to express themselves clearly, and to enjoy the creative process.

#### Course Schedule

Week	Date	Subject/Topics	Note
1	107/09/10 ~ 107/09/16	Introduction	
2	107/09/17 ~ 107/09/23	Why compare countries	
3	107/09/24 ~ 107/09/30	How compare countries	
4	107/10/01 ~ 107/10/07	Compare many countries	
5	107/10/08 ~ 107/10/14	Compare few countries	
6	107/10/15 ~ 107/10/21	Single country studies as comparison	
7	107/10/22 ~ 107/10/28	Comparing political systems/The nation-state	
8	107/10/29 ~ 107/11/04	Democracies	
9	107/11/05 ~ 107/11/11	Authoritarian regimes	
10	107/11/12 ~ 107/11/18	Midterm Exam Week	
11	107/11/19 ~ 107/11/25	Interest groups and citizens	
12	107/11/26 ~ 107/12/02	Political party systems and electoral system	

13	107/12/03 ~ 107/12/09	Public policy	
14	107/12/10 ~ 107/12/16	The Welfare State	
15	107/12/17 ~ 107/12/23	Film appreciation: Globalization and the nation-state	
16	107/12/24 ~ 107/12/30	Final Discussion	
17	107/12/31 ~ 108/01/06	National holiday	
18	108/01/07 ~ 108/01/13	Final Exam Week	
Requirement			
Teaching Facility	Computer		
Textbook(s)	Comparative politics / edited by Daniele Caramani ( 2017 ) Comparative Political Regimes Issues and Methods in Comparative Politics		
Reference(s)	Essentials of Comparative Politics Cases in Comparative Politics Comparative Politics Today (Chapter 1-7)		
Number of Assignment(s)	(Filled in by assignment instructor only)		
Grading Policy	◆ Attendance : 20.0 %   ◆ Mark of Usual : 30.0 %   ◆ Midterm Exam :   % ◆ Final Exam :   % ◆ Other (Quizzes) : 50.0 %		
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