

# PS 204 : INTRODUCTION TO COMPARATIVE POLITICS

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## Transcript title

Intro to Comparative Politics

## Credits

4

## Grading mode

Standard letter grades

## Total contact hours

40

## Lecture hours

40

## Recommended preparation

WR 121Z.

## Course Description

Surveys the field of comparative politics through in-depth analyses of countries in Europe, the Middle East, Asia, Africa, and the Americas. Comparative structures of these governments will be explored and analyzed in light of separation of powers, limited authority, and individual rights.

## Course learning outcomes

1. Understand, analyze, and explain the key concepts and debates within comparative political systems.
2. Understand, analyze, and explain the ways in which various governments of the world are structured, how they operate, and how they interact with their population in developing public policies.
3. Understand, analyze, and explain the comparative political systems of the United States, Western Europe, the former Soviet bloc, and the developing world.
4. Develop critical thinking skills in analyzing and thinking about international political events in a logical and systemic matter using comparative political theory.
5. Understand, examine, and explain contemporary political problems and debates in the global-international community.
6. Understand the relationship between the citizen and the responsibilities of civic virtue and civic duty.

## General education/Related instruction lists

- Social Science