1. **COURSE TITLE:** Comparative Government and Politics
2. **CATALOG PREFIX:** PSCI **COURSE NUMBER**: 2208
3. **COURSE SECTION:**
4. **PREREQUISITE(S):** PSCI 1104  **COREQUISITE(S):** None
5. **CREDIT HOURS:** 3  **LECTURE HOURS:** 0

**LABORATORY HOURS:** 0 **OBSERVATION HOURS:** 0

1. **FACULTY CONTACT INFORMATION:**
2. **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**  This course examines basic concepts, approaches to and comparisons of different political systems, including institutions and political processes, political cultures, ideologies, participation, and interest groups.
3. **LEARNING OBJECTIVES:**

Students will demonstrate an understanding of-

1. Different electoral systems (proportional representation vs. first-past-the-post), different representative systems (parliamentary vs. presidential), and different constitutional orders (federal vs. unitary).

2. Differences and similarities among regimes, institutions, and ideologies; specifically democratic vs. authoritarian systems.

3. Different paths to democratization and economic development.

4. The ability to think analytically and critically about politics by developing skills related to the analysis of political data and using these skills to make informed decisions regarding political issues.

1. **ADOPTED TEXT(S):**

*Cases & Concepts in Comparative Politics*

O’Neil, Fields, and Share

Norton.

ISBN:  978-0-393-63130-2

*Essential Readings in Comparative Politics*

O’Neil & Rogowski

Norton.

ISBN:  978-0-393-93898-2

1. **OTHER REQUIRED MATERIALS:**
2. **GRADING SCALE:**

Grading will follow the policy in the catalog. The scale is as follows:

A: 90 – 100

B: 80 – 89

C: 70 – 79

D: 60 – 69

F: 0 – 59

1. **GRADING PROCEDURES OR ASSESSMENTS:**

(EXAMPLE)

* 1. Mid-term exam and Final exam (2 exams @ 100 points each)
  2. Critical Thinking Questions-Assigned at the end of individual chapters they are designed to evaluate the student’s application of chapter concepts. (8 @ 12.5 points each)
  3. Research Paper focusing on a particular topic related to the course (100 points)
  4. Political Journal-students will keep a weekly journal related to major events in the government and politics of the nation-states studied throughout the course (100 points)

Exam Points=200 (40%)

Critical Thinking Points=100 (20%)

Research Paper Points=100 (20%)

Political Journal Points=100 (20%)

Total Points=500 (100%)

1. **COURSE METHODOLOGY OR COURSE FORMAT:**
2. **COURSE OUTLINE:**

(EXAMPLE)

* 1. Introduction to Comparative Politics;
  2. States and Political Organization;
  3. Nations and Society;
  4. Political Economy;
  5. Political Violence;
  6. Democratic Regimes;
  7. Developed Democracies
     1. Case Studies-United Kingdom, United States, France, Germany, Japan;
  8. Nondemocratic Regimes;
  9. Communism and Post communism
     1. Case Studies-Russia, China;
  10. Developing Countries
      1. Case Studies-India, Iran, Mexico, Brazil, South Africa, Nigeria;
  11. Globalization and the future of Comparative Politics.

1. **SPECIFIC MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS:**

**16. OTHER INFORMATION:**

**FERPA:** Students need to understand that your work may be seen by others. Others may see your work when being distributed, during group project work, or if it is chosen for demonstration purposes. Students also need to know that there is a strong possibility that your work may be submitted to other entities for the purpose of plagiarism checks.

**DISABILITIES:** Students with disabilities may contact the Disabilities Service Office, Central Campus, at 800-628-7722 or 937-393-3431.