

POL20023 Comparative Politics

Credit Points:	12.5
Level:	2 (Undergraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2015, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 1, Parkville - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: Thirty contact hours per semester. 2 x one hour lectures and 1 x one hour tutorial per week for 10 weeks. The lecture and tutorial programs are staggered and cover the 12 weeks of semester. Total Time Commitment: Total of 170 hours
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Recommended Background Knowledge:	Politics and International Studies at Level 1
Non Allowed Subjects:	None
Core Participation Requirements:	For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Students Experiencing Academic Disadvantage Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Description, Subject Objectives, Generic Skills and Assessment Requirements of this entry. The University is dedicated to provide support to those with special requirements. Further details on the disability support scheme can be found at the Disability Liaison Unit website: http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/
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Subject Overview:	This subject introduces students to comparative politics. There are many different aspects of and approaches to comparative politics, but all agree that this involves comparing at least two - and often many more - units of political analysis (e.g. countries, types of political system, electoral systems, areas of policy). One major theme will be the extent to which political culture (which will be defined) appears to explain differences between political systems. The subject will range across various types of system around the world, comparing the systems of several countries with models and ideal-types.
Learning Outcomes:	On completion of this subject students should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Demonstrate familiarity and critical engagement with the main themes in the sub-field of political science known as comparative politics; # Demonstrate a critical understanding of each of these discrete themes within comparative politics; # Develop a broad understanding of the main types of political system existing in the contemporary world; # Recognise the problems involved in comparing countries and cultures, and the solutions that have been devised to address these challenges; # Develop skills in critical analysis and evaluation; # Develop the ability to critically evaluate different sources of research in the development of an argument; # Work productively and collaboratively in groups.
Assessment:	A 2000 word essay (45%) due mid-semester, a 2-hour exam (45%) scheduled in examination period, and tutorial participation and contribution (10%) throughout the semester. Hurdle Requirement: This subject has a minimum Hurdle Requirement of 75% tutorial attendance.

	Regular participation in tutorials is required. Assessment submitted late without an approved extension will be penalised at 10% per working day. In-class tasks missed without approval will not be marked. All pieces of written work must be submitted to pass this subject.
Prescribed Texts:	Readings will be provided online through the subject's LMS site prior to the commencement of semester
Breadth Options:	<p>This subject potentially can be taken as a breadth subject component for the following courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Bachelor of Biomedicine (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2015/B-BMED) # Bachelor of Commerce (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2015/B-COM) # Bachelor of Environments (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2015/B-ENVS) # Bachelor of Music (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2015/B-MUS) # Bachelor of Science (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2015/B-SCI) # Bachelor of Engineering (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2015/B-ENG) <p>You should visit learn more about breadth subjects (http://breadth.unimelb.edu.au/breadth/info/index.html) and read the breadth requirements for your degree, and should discuss your choice with your student adviser, before deciding on your subjects.</p>
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Notes:	Available as a Breadth subject to non-Bachelor of Arts students.
Related Majors/Minors/Specialisations:	<p>Political Science Major Politics and International Studies Politics and International Studies Politics and International Studies</p>
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