

POLITICAL SCIENCE 2053
Introduction to Comparative Politics
Spring 2016
Monday 3:30-6:30 105 West (Res. College)

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OBJECTIVE: The course is designed to provide students with the tools necessary for examining politics across the countries of the world. In particular, we will provide a foundation for understanding the concepts on which political systems operate, the forces that account for change and continuity and the basis for comparing political performance in the first, second and third worlds. It is expected that by the end of the semester, students must have developed the analytical skills for explaining the differences and similarities existing in the select countries discussed in class. Poli 2053 is a General Education course designed to improve broad knowledge, stimulate life-

NYT Multiple Choice Test(2)	10 pts (March 07/April 25)
Two Country Paper	10 pts (Mon. April 18)
Final Exam	<u>40 pts</u> (Mon. May 02; 3:30-5:30pm)
	100 pts

A+ 100 - 95	B+ 86.9 - 85	C+ 76.9 - 75	D+ 66.9 - 65
A 94.9 - 90	B 84.9 - 80	C 74.9 - 70	D 64.9 - 60
A- 89.9 - 87	B- 79.9 - 77	C- 69.9 - 67	D- 59.9 - 57

LECTURE OUTLINE AND READING ASSIGNMENTS

Jan. 25

Course Introduction

March 07	<u>Mid-Term Exam (In-Class) and NYT Multiple Choice Test (1)</u>
March 14	<u>Overview of Communism and the third World</u> <u>Transition from Communism: Historical Basis and Contemporary Attributes</u> Russia Powell, Chapter 12
March 28	<u>Transition from Communism: Historical Basis and Contemporary Attributes</u> China Powell, Chapter 13
April 04	<u>Developing Countries: Historical Basis and Contemporary Attributes</u> India Powell, Chapter 17
April 11	<u>Developing Countries: Historical Basis and Contemporary Attributes</u> Mexico Powell, Chapter 14
April 18	<u>Developing Countries: Historical Basis and Contemporary Attributes</u> Iran/Nigeria Powell, Chapters 16 & 18
April 18	<u>Two-Country Survey/Paper of Recent Events Due</u>
April 25	<u>NYT Multiple Choice Test (2)/Review Session/Return Papers & Pre-Final Grades/Course Evaluation</u>
May 02	<u>Final Exam (Mon. May 02, 3:30-5:30pm)</u>