

## COURSE INFORMATION

Course: Introduction to Comparative Politics, POLI 2053-

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3) Attendance and participation (20%)

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE AND READING ASSIGNMENTS

Week 1 (08/27, 08/29) Preliminaries  
No require reading

Week 2 (09/03, 09/05) What Is Politics?  
Shively, Chapter 1

Week 3 (09/10, 09/12) What Do We Believe, and Why?  
Shively, Chapter 2

Week 4-5 (09/17, 09/19, 09/24) Where Does the State Come from, and Where Will It Go?  
Shively, Chapter 3  
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Week 5 (09/26) First Examination  
10:30 ó 11:50 am in our classroom

Week 6 (10/01, 10/03) Three Research Traditions and Methods of Comparison  
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Week 7 (10/08, 10/10) What Is Democracy? Which Countries Are Democratic?  
Shively, Chapter

Week 8 (10/15, 10/17) Conference and the Fall Break  
No class meeting

Week 9-10 (10/22, 10/24, 10/29) Why and How Do Democracies Emerge and Endure?  
Shively, Chapter 7 (continue) and Chapter 13  
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Week 10-11 (10/31, 11/05) Does Culture Matter for Democracy?

Shively, Chapter 8

Week 11 (11/07) Second Examination  
10:30 ó 11:50 am in our