

**CPO 2001**  
Behavioral and Social Sciences  
Department

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## Overview Information

### Required Texts

*Cases in Comparative Politics* by O'Neil, Fields, and Share (ISBN: 978-0-393-93377-2)

*Essential Readings in Comparative Politics* by O'Neil and Rogowski (ISBN: 978-0-393-91280-7)

Credit Hours: 3 Semester Hours. Degree: A.A. and A.S.

Contact Hours: 45 hours

**Course Description:** An introduction to comparative political behavior, processes, institutions and public policy in selected industrial democracies, communist and former communist states and third world countries.

### *Student Learning Outcomes*

By completing this course students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate a general knowledge and understanding of factors that have shaped behavior.
2. Demonstrate a general knowledge and understanding of the economic factors that have shaped political behavior
3. Demonstrate a general knowledge and understanding of the ideological factors that have shaped political behavior
4. Demonstrate a general knowledge and understanding of the ways in which rulers are chosen and the manner in which individual citizens participate in politics
5. Demonstrate a general knowledge and understanding of the ways major political institutions exercise power and the restraints upon them.

### Equipment and Supplies

This course will require access to Florida Online (found here: <http://online.daytonastate.edu>), word processing software (Microsoft Word, WordPerfect, OpenOffice or Googledocs), and projection software (Microsoft Power Point, OpenOffice, or Google Presentations).

## Grading Policy

In order to allow the instructor to create a grade consistent with the actual performance of the student a variety of examination methods will be employed. The total number of possible points in this class is 500 based on the following distribution:

### *Reading Quizzes (70 points total)*

Quizzes are short and cover the material from each section as indicated in the description of each quiz. These cover readings from the Readings in Comparative Politics textbook.

### *Country Quizzes (70 points)*

Country quizzes, of which there are four, cover the material on each case. They comprise both the lecture material and the material found in the Cases in Comparative Politics book.

### *Discussion Reading Posts (150 points)*

There will be three major discussion post readings. Students will be summing up a major author and responding to a fellow student. Look at the handout online for more information.

### *Multiple Choice Examinations (200 points)*

There will be a midterm and a comprehensive final. Each are worth 100 points. These will be standard multiple choice tests where you select the best answer given a single section tree. Textbook readings and lecture notes will constitute the base from which questions will be drawn. Reading and accurate note taking will be central to good grades on these exams.

### Post-test (10 points)

A comprehensive posttest will open in the last two weeks of class. This test is used to measure the effectiveness of classes at Daytona State.

### Pretest (0 points)

A pretest will be administered during the first two weeks of class. This test is ungraded. However, it is a prerequisite to take the post test.

## Incomplete Grades

An Incomplete ("I") is a temporary grade issued to a student who is passing a course but who, for valid and unforeseen reasons, is not able to complete the course requirements within the semester. Students receiving the "I" must have written documentations of the extenuating circumstances and already completed 75% of the required coursework for the class. The student agrees to complete all of the requirements before the middle of the next major semester. A grade of "I" automatically converts to an "F" if the requirements are not met.

## Attendance Policy

Students are expected to participate in class. Students who consistently fail to attend in will be penalized. Note that VA students are not allowed to accumulate three absences within thirty days of classes.

## Withdrawing

Instructors cannot withdraw students from courses. Students who wish to withdraw must use Falcon Online. Not attending class is not the same as withdrawing it. Deadlines are posted in the College Academic Calendar. Note that withdrawing is still counted as an attempt for a course.

Students who no longer want to attend class:

- 1) Must withdraw by the deadline for the semester (published in the academic calendar).
- 2) May initiate the withdrawal process at the Registration Office at any Daytona State College campus by presenting picture identification.
- 3) Students with extenuating circumstances (ie: hospitalized, out of town, etc.) may withdraw by mail provided the request is postmarked by the deadline and contains an original signature of the student.

For more information contact: [Registration@DaytonaState.edu](mailto:Registration@DaytonaState.edu).

## Special Needs and Student Disabilities

The office of *Student Disability Services* (SDS) offers support services and academic accommodations for Daytona State students with documented disabilities in compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, as amended. SDS determines the types of support services and academic accommodations or adjustments for which a student is eligible to receive. SDS makes determinations based solely on documentation from licensed medical and or mental health professionals, which clearly delineate the limitations resulting from a person's disability. *If you have a disability and need accommodations, we encourage you to register with SDS and request the accommodations that you need.* Accordingly, Daytona State College provides an environment that fosters independence and autonomy for students with disabilities. Registering with SDS will ensure that you have every opportunity to fully participate in the college experience. For more information you can contact SDS at 386-506-3238.

## Makeup Exam Policy

Makeup exams will not be given unless extenuating circumstances prevent the student from taking the exam as scheduled. Determination of extenuating circumstances will be at the sole discretion of the instructor, and will be limited to incidents such as illness, court appearances, etc. that are documented in writing. A student that simply states that he/she missed an exam due to illness (or other reasons) and cannot provide written documentation will not be allowed an opportunity to take a make-up exam. There is no guarantee that a student will be allowed the opportunity for a makeup exam.

## **Academic Integrity Policy**

In order to preserve academic excellence and integrity, the College expects you to know, understand, and comply with the Academic Integrity Policy, which prohibits academic dishonesty in any form, including, but not limited to, cheating and plagiarism. Grades conferred by instructors are intended to be, and must be, accurate and true reflections of the coursework actually produced and submitted by you.

All cases of suspected violations of the Student Code of Conduct, including academic dishonesty, are reported to the Judicial Affairs Office for resolution. *All academic dishonesty committed in this class will result in a grade of F for the class.*

## **Class Etiquette**

Fostering a learning environment means there are certain ground rules required of all students both towards each other and towards the professor. When discussing material students should be prepared to pay attention and participate. When talking with other students respect must always be shown. There should be no shouting (or caps shouting online) or other types of intimidation or violence. The professor wants to help you, but I will not be subject to abuse – verbal or physical – and I will not change grades on the basis of such behavior. Students who cannot abide the rules will be asked to leave or reported to the Judicial Affairs Office for resolution.

## **Syllabus Revisions**

This syllabus is subject to change at the sole discretion of your professor, Dr. Orndorff. I will give you notice as to any changes, but any or all of this class may change as circumstances may dictate.