

**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

A variety of examination methods will be employed. There are 1,000 possible points for the class.

### *Analytic Essays (400 points)*

There will be two essays each worth 200 points. For each essay there will be one draft due. Not submitting a draft will result in a reduction of 50 points from the essay.

### *Marginal Notes (200 points)*

During the course of the semester you will submit marginal notes. Submissions are collectively worth 200 points. Marginal notes are informal. You will demonstrate that you are annotating the authors. See the handout for more information.

### *County Quizzes (100 points)*

After each of the five country sections there will be a short quiz totally, collectively, 100 points.

### *Reading Quizzes (100 points)*

There will be seven reading quizzes totaling 100 points

### *Podcast (200 points)*

Students will, in groups, create an NPR segment on a political issue in one of our case countries, or a country / region with the approval of the professor

*See handouts online for more information on each assignment.*

### *Post-test (10 bonus 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. It will constitute 5% of your final grade.

### *Pretest (0%)*

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.

### *Cell Phones and Etiquette*

The use of cellphones are restricted in this class. Students who are using phones, or other devices, for any purpose the instructor deems inappropriate will be asked to leave. Habitual offenders may also receive penalties affecting their final grade. Assume the same rules apply here as in a standard business meeting.

## **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.