

Identification	Subject (code, title, credits)	PSIR 450: Comparative Politics 3 KU/6 ECTS credits 16 Weeks, 64 hours		
	Department	Political Science and Philosophy		
	Level	Undergraduate		
	Term	Spring 2020		
	Instructor	Ms. Lamiya Panahova		
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	Classroom/hours	41 Mehseti str. (Neftchilar Campus), Friday, 13.40-17.00		
	Office hours	By appointment		
Prerequisites	N/A			
Language	English			
Compulsory/Elective	Compulsory			
Online communication	The course utilize email as a formal communication tool. All announcements and correspondence among students and instructor will be regulated via email. Students carry the responsibility to consistently check their email for any update regarding the course.			
Course outline	This course explores the strategies of comparativeness in political science. It examines different governmental methods and subsequently highlights some of the big issues of comparative politics, using case studies examples indicating the act of comparing as a means to disclose observed phenomena.			
Course objectives	The purpose of the course is to provide students of political science with theoretical skills significant to a knowledgeable scrutiny of modern political systems.			
Learning outcomes	At the end of the course, students should be versed in with the essentials of political systems in the background of different governance models and have the main knowledge and ability to find out the logic behind the systematic research.			
Evaluation	Methods	Date/deadlines	Percentage (%)	
	Midterm evaluation		30	
	Class attendance		5	
	Participation		10	
	Quiz - 1		5	
	Quiz - 2		5	
	Presentation-2		10	
	Final exam		35	
	Total		100	
Course Materials to download	Textbook: Main: K. Newton & J.W.Deth “Foundations of Comparative Politics”, Cambridge University Press, 2010 Suggested:			

	<p>Caramani, D., 2008: “Comparative politics”, Oxford University Press, New York.</p> <p>O’Neil P., Fields K., Share D., “Cases in Comparative Politics”, third edition, 2010, W. W. Norton & Company, Inc.</p>
<p>Policy</p>	<p>You are expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - attend classes on a regular basis as the classes are conducted in a combined lecture/seminar format where students should <u>play an active part</u>. - read the assigned and suggested readings before you come to class - engage actively in classroom discussions - offer thoughtful and informed classroom presentations and written work - submit all your assignments on time - follow assignments closely and carefully. <p>Class attendance: Students are required to comply with the attendance policy of Khazar University. Full-time students are expected to attend all classes unless they are sick or have the permission of the instructor (<i>approved absence</i>). A student must submit an absence request in anticipation of an absence from the course. In case he/she fails to do so, his absence will be considered unapproved. Specifically, to be eligible for taking exams, students must not miss more than 25% of class hours (<i>unapproved absences</i>). Otherwise, the student can take the exam only with the approval of the School Dean. Continuing unapproved absences or lack of participation may lead to withdrawal from the course.</p> <p>Active Participation:</p> <p>Every student should read the core readings (if possible, the required readings as well) in order to engage the debates and simulations during class. Every week’s debate questions will be presented by the instructor a week ahead.</p> <p>Presentation: Every student is required to pick a topic for presentation and present it before the class to get 10% of her/his overall score. The topics for presentation will be introduced to students by the instructor in the first week of the academic semester.</p> <p>Quiz:</p> <p>Two quizzes will be held during semester, one before and one after midterm exam. Each quiz will be assessed with maximum 5 points. Each student is required to be present in class for the quiz. Feedback is provided after each quiz.</p> <p>Language requirement for assessments: Language of instruction for this module is English. Therefore, students are required to submit all quiz and exam papers in English. The instructor has the right not to check the exam papers written in a different language.</p>

Academic misconduct

Academic honesty plays an essential part in maintaining the integrity of Khazar University. Students are expected to recognize and uphold high standards of intellectual and academic integrity. The following acts are examples of academic dishonesty, therefore are strictly forbidden and will, if proven, be penalized:

- plagiarism,
- cheating,
- unauthorized collaboration,
- falsification,
- multiple submissions.

On plagiarism:

Plagiarism is unethical and an offense under the University regulations. Please familiarize yourself with the regulations relating to plagiarism and cheating in examinations.

Plagiarism is copying other people's work without proper attribution. The students committing plagiarism and the students providing materials for plagiarizing will automatically receive a zero (0) for the assignment. Students must always indicate that they used someone else's words and ideas if they have done so, by using quotation marks and mentioning the source in the text or a footnote. A bibliography must also follow after the end of your essays.

Rules of Professional Conduct

The students shall behave in the way to create favorable academic and professional environment during the class hours. Unauthorized discussions and unethical behavior are strictly prohibited. Classroom behavior that seriously interferes with either (a) the instructor's ability to conduct the class or (b) the ability of other students to benefit from the course program will not be tolerated. When a student's behavior in a class is so seriously disruptive as to compel immediate action, the instructor has the authority to remove a student from the class on an interim basis, pending an informal hearing on the behavior.

Tentative Schedule

Any modification to the syllabus will be announced in advance

Date/Day	Topics	Readings
Week 1 14/02/2020	Introduction	<i>Required:</i> Newton & Deth, Pages 1-11 <i>Suggested:</i> Caramani, pages 1-24
Week 2	The development of the modern state	<i>Required:</i>

21/02/2020		Newton & Deth, pages 13-33 <i>Suggested:</i> Caramani, pages 85-108
Week 3 28/02/2020	States and democracy	<i>Required:</i> Newton & Deth, pages 34-52 <i>Suggested:</i> Caramani, pages 108-133
Week 4 06/03/2020	Constitutions	<i>Required:</i> Newton & Deth, pages 71-90 <i>Suggested:</i> Caramani, pages 217-240
Week 5 13/03/2020	Presidential and parliamentary government	<i>Required:</i> Newton & Deth, Pages 91-103
Week 6 20/03/2020	Novruz Holiday	<i>NO CLASSES</i>
Week 7 27/03/2020	Multi-level government: international, national and sub-national	<i>Required:</i> Newton & Deth, pages 105-132
Week 8	MIDTERM EXAM	<i>NO CLASSES</i>
Week 9 10/04/2020	Political attitudes and behaviour	<i>Required:</i> Newton & Deth, pages 171-197
Week 10 17/04/2020	The mass media	<i>Required:</i> Newton & Deth, pages 224-244
Week 11 24/04/2020	Voters and elections	<i>Required:</i> Newton & Deth, pages 245-266 <i>Suggested:</i> Caramani, pages 240-263

Week 12 01/05/2020	Political ideologies: conservatism, liberalism, Christian democracy and socialism	<i>Required:</i> Newton & Deth, 291-313
Week 13 08/05/2020	Decision making	<i>Required:</i> Newton & Deth, pages 315-336 <i>Suggested:</i> Caramani, pages 495-520
Week 14 15/05/2020	Defence and Security	<i>Required:</i> Newton & Deth, pages 337-358
Week 15 22/05/2020	Welfare	<i>Required:</i> Newton & Deth, pages 360-382 <i>Suggested:</i> Caramani, pages 520-546
Week 16 29/05/2020	Revision of the course, preparation for final exam	
	Final exam	

Additional readings and assignments will be provided by the instructor for this course.
If necessary, some minor modifications may be made to this syllabus by the instructor.