

Identification	Subject (code, title, credits)	PSIR405 Political Systems of Azerbaijan and Foreign Countries /Azərbaycan və xarici ölkələrin siyasi sistemləri 3 KU/6 ECTS
	Department	Political Science and Philosophy
	Level	Undergraduate
	Term	Fall 2021
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	Classrooms/hours	41 Mehseti str. (Neftchilar campus), Room 403 N, Friday 15:20-16:50 and 17:00-18:30
	Office hours	By appointment
Prerequisites		
Language	English	
Compulsory/Elective		
Required textbooks and course materials	<p><i>Core readings:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patrick H. O’Neil, Karl Fields, Don Share, <i>Cases in Comparative Politics</i>. 5th ed. W. W. Norton & Company, 2015. Link 	
Course outline	This course offers conceptual and methodological tools to analyze and compare political systems of 12 states around the world including Azerbaijan. Side by side theoretical and historic background of the forming processes and institutional structures of political systems, the course also focus on their agenda and topics of the competition between political forces.	
Course objectives	This course intends to learn and compare the political systems of a number of countries across the globe. It seeks to explore the origins, historical development, and modern structure of the selected political systems which the course treats as the interactions and organizations (including but not restricted to government) through which a society reaches and successfully enforces collective decisions.	
Learning outcomes	<p>Knowledge and Critical Analysis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing a comprehensive understanding of different types of political systems and their commonalities and differences Understanding the decision-making and law enforcement structure of various states by analyzing the strengths and weakness of their political systems. Analyzing critically and comparatively Azerbaijan’s and 12 foreign political systems. Preparing presentations and writing essays about the recent and hot political issues by taking the major characteristics of the political system they are happening in. <p>Skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retrieving information from public data sources Critical analysis Practicing presentation skills in PPT 	

Evaluation	Methods	Date/deadlines	Percentage (%)
	Midterm exam		30
	Attendance and participation		15
	Presentation and essay		15
	Final exam		40
	Total		100
Policy	<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 20% 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>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - plagiarism, - cheating, - unauthorized collaboration, - falsification, - multiple submissions. <p><i>On plagiarism:</i> Plagiarism is unethical and an <u>offence</u> 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 <u>proper</u> 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.</p> <p>Rules of Professional Conduct The students shall behave in the way to create favorable academic and</p>		

	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		
Date/Day (subject to change if necessary on holidays)	Topics	Readings
Week 1 01/10/2021	Introduction. Definition, structure and key concepts of political system	1 st Chapter “Comparative Government and Politics: An Introduction”, (2016) Rod Hague, Martin Harrop and John McCormick, <i>Comparative Government and Politics</i> , 10 th ed. Red Globe Press, 2016, Link
Week 2 08/10/2021	United Kingdom- Evolutionary Political System	2 nd chapter: O’Neil et al. Cases in Comparative Politics
Week 3 15/10/2021	United States-Political System based on Check and Balance	3 rd chapter: O’Neil et al. Cases in Comparative Politics
Week 4 22/10/2021	France-Revolutionary Political System	4 th chapter: O’Neil et al. Cases in Comparative Politics
Week 5 29/10/2021	Germany- Political System based on historical acknowledgement	5 th chapter: O’Neil et al. Cases in Comparative Politics
Week 6 05/11/2021	Japan-Reinvented Political System	6 th chapter: O’Neil et al. Cases in Comparative Politics
Week 7 12/11/2021	Russia-Post-Soviet Political System	7 th chapter: O’Neil et al. Cases in Comparative Politics

Week 8 19/11/2021	MIDTERM EXAM	
Week 9 26/11/2021	China- Hybrid Political System	8 th chapter O'Neil et al. Cases in Comparative Politics
Week 10 03/12/2021	India- Established democracy with many challenges	9 th chapter O'Neil et al. Cases in Comparative Politics
Week 11 10/12/2021	Iran-Political System between divine and profane	10 th chapter O'Neil et al. Cases in Comparative Politics
Week 12 17/12/2021	Brazil - Shifting Power with Complex Challenges	11 th chapter O'Neil et al. Cases in Comparative Politics
Week 13 24/12/2021	Turkey in a new period	Turkey in a new period: Challenges and opportunities, https://www.brookings.edu/events/turkey-in-a-new-period-challenges-and-opportunities/
Week 14 30/12/2020	Azerbaijan-Political System in transition	Conceptualization of Azerbaijan's political system: https://demokratizatsiya.pub/PDFs/DEM13-3Guliyev.pdf
	Final exam	