

Comparative Politics - Course Study Sheet

Course: Comparative Politics Cluster: Social and Behavioral Sciences

Compares political institutions, regimes, parties, states, economies, identities, and outcomes across cases.

Five-module course map

Module	Active evidence to produce
1. state and regime	Explain the central idea, complete an application, diagnose one plausible error, and connect it to the next module.
2. democratization and authoritarianism	Explain the central idea, complete an application, diagnose one plausible error, and connect it to the next module.
3. electoral and party systems	Explain the central idea, complete an application, diagnose one plausible error, and connect it to the next module.
4. political economy	Explain the central idea, complete an application, diagnose one plausible error, and connect it to the next module.
5. comparative methods	Explain the central idea, complete an application, diagnose one plausible error, and connect it to the next module.

Reliable learning method

define the outcome, select cases transparently, identify institutional and historical differences, compare evidence, and test alternatives

Representative application

Compare two electoral systems while separating mechanical effects, party strategy, social context, and case-selection limits.

Weekly study cycle

1. Preview the objective and write two questions. 2. Attend or engage and capture decisions rather than every sentence. 3. Reconstruct the main idea within 24 hours. 4. Complete independent practice. 5. Analyze the first unsupported move on each error. 6. Use feedback. 7. Schedule a delayed mixed recheck.

Self-check before moving on

Can you explain the idea without notes, complete a fresh task, detect a near-miss, verify the result, and state a limitation? Watch especially for: ranking countries from one indicator or explaining outcomes with culture alone.

What to save

a comparative case analysis with concepts, case selection, evidence, alternative explanation, and limits

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