

Régimes politiques comparés

Lecturers

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Course mnemonic

POLI-D305

ECTS credits

5 credits

Language(s) of instruction

French

Course period

First term

Course content

This course provides the theoretical and analytical knowledge to understand comparative politics worldwide. It addresses a wide range of crucial topics in the comparative politics literature: how to define and classify democratic and autocratic regimes; the working of legislatures and executives and the balance of powers; the variation in electoral systems, its consequences and the incentive structures these create for actors in the political system; the functioning of political parties and the comparative analysis of party systems. Moreover, the course also covers questions on institutional design in divided societies (e.g. multi-ethnic states) and looks at the evolution of citizens' political attitudes and behavior towards key institutions of representative democracies. Throughout the course, we will cover recent real-world examples of the various topics and highlight interesting country cases where possible.

Objectives (and/or specific learning outcomes)

The goal of the course is to provide students with invaluable skills and knowledge with regard to major issues in comparative politics and discovering, accessing and analyzing countries globally.

Teaching method and learning activities

Auditorium lectures (24h). Slides on the Université Virtuelle (UV) after each lecture. Compulsory reading list provided on UV

References, bibliography and recommended reading

see syllabus for full list

Other information

Contact(s)

gert-jan.put@ulb.be (send email to make an appointment)

Evaluation method(s)

Other

Evaluation method(s) (additional information)

Written exam in English in January and in August.

Determination of the mark (including the weighting of partial marks)

100pc of the grade for the written exam

Main language(s) of evaluation

English

Programmes

Programmes proposing this course at the faculty of Philosophy and Social Sciences

BA-POLI | Bachelor in Political Sciences : General | unit 3 and BA-SHUM | Bachelor in Human and Social Sciences | option Bruxelles/ unit 3

Programmes proposing this course at the faculty of Letters, Translation and Communication

BA-COMM | Bachelor in Information and Communication | unit 2