

Textbooks:

1. *Comparative Politics in Transition, 5th edition*, John McCormick, Thomson, 2007.

Objective: Students will be expected to understand current events, describe and analyze, in detail, the governments and politics of a variety of countries and identify the key factors existing within countries that impact both the domestic and the international policies of countries.

Evaluation

1. Online quizzes on WebCT. (worth 280 pts.) There will be **NO MAKE-UP** quizzes. **NO LATE QUIZZES.**
 - There are 15 quizzes, 10 questions each.
 - Each quiz is worth up to 20 points toward your final grade (280 total points possible).
 - Lowest quiz grade will be dropped.
 - The quiz becomes available at 1:00 a.m. on the morning it is due.
 - IT IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE after 11:59 p.m. on that evening.
 - Don't push the time restriction because your watch may reflect a different time than your computer.
 - You have 20 minutes to complete the quiz.
 - **WARNING:**
 - 20 minutes WILL NOT give you enough time to research the answer if you have not previously read the material.
 - Use your time wisely.

Quiz	Day	Chapter	Quiz	Day	Chapter
1	Day 2 6/5 Tues.	Text 1-35	9	Day 10 6/15 Fri.	Text 295-321
2	Day 3 6/6 Wed.	Text 38-75	10	Day 11 6/18 Mon.	Text 328-364
3	Day 4 6/7 Thurs.	Text 82-120	11	Day 13 6/20 Wed.	Text 369-424
4	Day 5 6/8 Fri.	Text 126-165	12	Day 14 6/21 Thurs.	Text 369-424, Huntington, Man in Baghdad Café, and Barber
5	Day 6 6/11 Mon.	Text 169-194	13	Day 15 6/22 Fri.	Text 429-454, UN Report on Arab Development & Suicide Bombers
6	Day 7 6/12 Tues.	Text 194-220	14	Day 16 6/25 Mon.	Text 454-480
7	Day 8 6/13 Wed.	Text 226-261	15	Day 17 6/26 Tues.	Text 485-520
8	Day 9 6/14 Thurs.	Text 267-295			

Final grade based on total points available 300:

A= 90-100% or 252-280 pts.

B= 80-89% or 224-251 pts.

C= 70-79% or 196-223 pts.

D=60-69% or 168-195 pts.

F= below 60% or 168 pts.

Absence Policy: Attendance for the first and only in class day June 4 is a requirement of this course. Failure to attend this class may result in the student being dropped from the course.

General information:

- Rude behavior, as defined by the instructor, will not be tolerated. Such behavior will result in the student being removed from the class. This rule applies to ALL forms of communication between the student and the instructor and between the student and their colleagues.
- **No late** quizzes/assignments will be accepted.
- No grades can be discussed, posted, or given out via the email or the phone. The instructor can **ONLY** talk with the student regarding their grade. The instructor can discuss students' grades with other individuals only if written permission from the student is given to the professor.
- Students with special needs are required to present their material outlining their need to the instructor during the first week of class. Arranging with the instructor any special services is the student's responsibility.
- Students are expected to check the WebCT course page DAILY, including WebCT email and announcements.
- This syllabus is not designed to cover every aspect of the course. In class/online instructions regarding the course, are equally important; therefore, any instructions given in class, but missed by the student, or misunderstood by the student, are the student's responsibility.
- Students do not have permission to use the course materials in any way other than as instructed by the professor.

Professor reserves the right to make changes to the course:

Day 1 6/4 Monday	Introduction/Background Module 1	
Day 2 6/5 Tuesday	The Comparative Method Liberal Democracies McCormick: 1-35 Module 2	Quiz 1
Day 3 6/6 Wednesday	The State / Political Frameworks McCormick: 38-75 US Module 3	Quiz 2
Day 4 6/7 Thursday	Comparative Systems: FPT vs. PR Parliamentary vs. Presidential systems Centralism vs. Federalism McCormick: 82-120 Britain Module 4	Quiz 3
Day 5 6/8 Friday	Democracy McCormick: 126-165 Japan	Quiz 4

	Module 5	
Day 6 6/11 Monday	Political Economy Post Communist States McCormick: 169-194 (to “Political Systems”) Russia Module 6	Quiz 5
Day 7 6/12 Tuesday	Development Post-Communist States McCormick: 194-220 Russia Module 7	Quiz 6
Day 8 6/13 Wednesday	Actors / Participation / Parties Communist States McCormick: 226-261 China Module 8	Quiz 7
Day 9 6/14 Thursday	Women/Elites Newly Industrialized States McCormick: 267-295 (to “Political Systems”) Mexico Module 9	Quiz 8
Day 10 6/15 Friday	Military / Groups McCormick: 295-321 Mexico Module 10	Quiz 9
Day 11 6/18 Monday	Policy & Performance McCormick: 328-364 India Module 11	Quiz 10
Day 12 6/19 Tuesday	Less Developed States McCormick: 369-424 Nigeria	
Day 13 6/20 Wednesday	Political Culture / Cleavages McCormick: 369- 424 Nigeria Module 12	Quiz 11
Day 14 6/21 Thursday	Clash of Cultures Reading: Huntington, Man in Baghdad Café, and Barber Module 13	Quiz 12
Day 15 6/22 Friday	Clash of Cultures McCormick: 429-454 Reading: UN Report on Arab Development & Suicide Bombers	Quiz 13
Day 16 6/25 Monday	Islam McCormick: 454-480 Egypt Module 14	Quiz 14
Day 17 6/26 Tuesday Last day of class	Marginal States McCormick: 485-520 Haiti Module 15	Quiz 15