

Political Science 100  
Introduction to Comparative Politics  
Fall 2001

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Office Hours: 10:30-12:30 MW  
or by appointment.

## COURSE OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this course are: (1) to introduce the beginning student to the forms of government and politics of selected major countries of the world; (2) to examine these countries comparatively, that is, in terms of what the experience of one country or group of countries can tell us about other countries; and (3) to apply this knowledge to the understanding of current political developments.

## READING MATERIALS

A textbook, W. Phillips Shively, *Comparative Governance*, McGraw Hill/Primis, (ISBN 0-390-220132) is available in campus bookstores. Be sure to buy the version with this ISBN number, which will have the instructor's name on the cover. In addition to the text, you are expected to read five additional articles on Indonesia, listed below in the Indonesia section of the course. These are available on my web site: <http://psweb.sbs.ohio-state.edu/faculty/rwliddle/>

Students are also required to read major news articles on current political developments in Great Britain, Germany, Indonesia, India, and Russia that appear in *The New York Times* throughout the quarter. Some articles will be referred to in lecture or recitation, but you are also expected to find them yourself, either by reading the *Times* online [www.nytimes.com](http://www.nytimes.com) or in hard copy form. To subscribe cheaply, contact the *Lantern* Business Office at Room 281 Journalism Building (Tel: 292-6749).

## CLASS MEETINGS

Political Science 100 meets on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8:30 AM in RL (Robinson Lab) 2027 for lectures.

Recitation sections of 25 or fewer students meet on Fridays as follows:

16151-4 7:30AM, DB 80  
16152-0 7:30AM, DU 16  
16153-5 8:30AM, DU 20  
16154-1 8:30AM, ML 174  
16155-6 9:30AM, ML 129  
16156-1 9:30AM, ML 131

## GRADING

Grades will be based equally on the three mid-term examinations, including the last examination given during finals week. Sustained effective participation in the recitation sections will be rewarded with a raise of one level in your final grade, for example from C to C+ or B- to B.

## MAKE-UP POLICY

Make-up exams will only be given if you have been ill and obtain a statement from your doctor.

## ATTENDANCE

You should attend every class session, lectures and recitations, where information not in the reading materials may be given. You will be responsible for this material in examinations. Attendance will be taken at the recitation sections, as a check on your participation in class, but not at the lectures.

## ACADEMIC HONESTY

All of the work you do in this course is expected to be your own. Absolutely no cheating or plagiarism (using someone else's words or ideas without proper citation) will be tolerated. Any cases of cheating or plagiarism will be reported to the university committee on academic misconduct and handled according to university policy. If you have any questions about this policy, please consult the instructor.

## DISABILITY

Students with disabilities are responsible for making their needs known to the instructor, and for seeking available assistance, in the first week of the quarter. Course materials are available in alternative formats upon request. For such materials please contact Wayne DeYoung, 2140 Derby Hall, 154 North Oval Mall, 292-2880.

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## TOPICS AND READING ASSIGNMENTS

September 19, 21 (Recitation) and 24. Why (and, How) Should We Compare/The Setting of Power: The State.

Readings: W. Phillips Shively, *Comparative Governance*, Chapters 1 and 2 (pp. 1-25).

Begin reading *The New York Times* daily for articles on Britain, Germany, Indonesia, India, and Russia. Professor Liddle and the teaching assistants will use *Times* articles in lecture and recitation sections. Students may also bring them up for discussion in recitation sections.

September 26, 28 (Recitation), and October 1. Holding the State Together/Political Conflict.

Readings: Shively, Chapters 3 and 4 (pp. 26-63).

October 3, 5 (Recitation), 8. Decision Making in the State/The State and the Economy.

Readings: Shively, Chapters 5 and 6 (pp. 64-103).

October 10. FIRST MID-TERM EXAMINATION.

Material covered: Shively, Chapters 1-6, pp. 1-103.

October 12. No recitation.

October 15, 17, 19 (Recitation), and 22. Politics and Governance in Britain.

Reading: Shively, "Britain," in Shively, pp. 190-233.

October 24, 26 (Recitation), and 29. Politics and Governance in Germany.

Reading: Shively, "Germany," in Shively, pp. 234-276.

October 31, November 2 (Recitation), 5, 7 and 9 (Recitation). Politics and Governance in Indonesia.

Readings: R. William Liddle, "Indonesia," in Shively, pp. 154-189.

Liddle, "Indonesia's Democratic Opening,"

*Government and Opposition*, January 1999.

Liddle, "My Name is Abdurrahman Wahid."

Liddle, "Indonesia in 1999: Democracy Restored,"

*Asian Survey*, January/February 2000.

Liddle, "Indonesia in 2000: A Shaky Start for Democracy,"

*Asian Survey*, January/February 2001.

Liddle, "Megawati: Her Father's Daughter?"

The non-text readings on Indonesia may be found on Professor Liddle's web site:  
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November 12. SECOND MID-TERM EXAMINATION

Material covered: Shively, "Britain," "Germany," and "Indonesia," plus lecture material and relevant articles by Professor Liddle and from *The New York Times* as discussed in lecture and recitation.

November 14, 16 (Recitation), 19, and 21. Politics and Governance in India.

Readings: James Manor, "India," in Shively, pp. 104-153.

November 26, 28, and 30 (Recitation). Politics and Governance in Russia; Final Comparisons.

Reading: Philip G. Roeder, "Russia," in Shively, pp. 276-342.

MONDAY DECEMBER 3, 7:30-9:18AM. FINAL EXAMINATION. This examination will cover India, Russia and final comparisons given in lecture on democratic governance in the modern world. In the grading, it will have the same value, one-third, as the two mid-term examinations. The exam, like the midterms, will be held in the lecture room.