STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of this course is to introduce graduate students to the diverse literature on comparative political institutions.

REQUIREMENTS

- A one-page single-spaced response to the readings to be circulated via e-mail by 10am on the day before we meet each week (to start Week 2 so nothing due Week 1).

- A research paper on a topic of your choice due on Thursday, December 6th, at 12pm. The paper should be 20-25 pages long. Some sources of data for your paper include:
  - Political Institution data available for free on-line: http://www.qog.pol.gu.se/
  - Conflict Data: http://www.prio.no/Data/
  - Correlates of War Data: http://www.correlatesofwar.org/
  - Constituency-level Election Data: http://brancati.wustl.edu/CLE.htm
  - Dataverse: http://thedata.org/
  - ICPSR: http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/

- Read all assigned readings carefully before class. Attend class regularly and participate in seminar discussions.

OTHER DETAILS

**Academic Honesty:** I expect all of the work you submit for this course to be your own. Cheating or plagiarism (using someone else’s words or ideas without proper citation) will not be tolerated. All cases of cheating and plagiarism will be reported to the University committee on academic misconduct, and they will be handled according to University policy.

**Disability:** Students who feel they may need an accommodation based on the impact of a disability should contact me privately to discuss their specific needs. Please contact the Office for Disability Services at 614-292-3307 in room 150 Pomerene Hall to coordinate reasonable accommodations for students with documented disabilities.
1. INTRODUCTION: INSTITUTIONS AND INSTITUTIONAL ANALYSIS (9/27)

Required:


Recommended:


2. REGIME TYPE: WHAT IS IT? DOES IT MATTER? (10/4)

Required:


Recommended:


Eric A. Nordlinger. ????.* On the Autonomy of the Democratic State. ????.


Adam Przeworski. 199???. *Democracy and the Market*.* ????.


3. **PRESIDENTIALISM AND EXECUTIVES (10/11)**

*Required:*


*Recommended:*


4. PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY (10/18)

Required:


Arend Lijphart, Patterns of Democracy, ch. 6.


Recommended:


5. ELECTORAL RULES (10/25)

Required:


Recommended:


6. PARTIES AND PARTY SYSTEMS (11/01)

Required:


Recommended:


7. **VETO PLAYERS AND POLICY OUTCOMES (11/08)**

*Required:*

*The Federalist Papers 10 & 51*


*Recommended:*


8. INFORMAL INSTITUTIONS AND THE RULE OF LAW (11/15)

Required


(http://www.paulbrass.com/files/Epwarticle.pdf)

Recommended


9. CLIENTELISM AND VOTE-BUYING (11/22)


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**Recommended:**

10. BUILDING INSTITUTIONS IN DIFFICULT PLACES (11/29)

Required:


Recommended

OTHER TOPICS OF INTEREST

COMPARATIVE LEGISLATURES

Required:


Recommended:


Arend Lijphart, *Patterns of Democracy*, ch. 11.


BUREAUCRACIES

Required:


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Recommended:


Murray Horn. ???. The Political Economy of Public Administration. Cambridge UP.


FEDERALISM

Required:

The Federalist Papers


Arend Lijphart, Patterns of Democracy, chs. 10 and 12.


Recommended:


Peter Ordeshook, Mikhail Filippov, and Olga Shvetsova. 2003. Designing Federalism. Cambridge UP.


CONSTITUTIONS


*Agreement Reached in the Multi-Party Negotiations* [the Good Friday Agreement], Belfast, 10 April 1998, Strand One

POLICE

Required

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Recommended


