

Political Studies			
Undergraduate / Graduate	Undergraduate	Registration Code	0052421
Course Category	Arts Basic	Credits	2.0
Term (Semester) / Day / Period	G-II (1st year, Spring Semester) / Tue./ 4 (14:45~16:15)		
Instructor	GREEN David James		
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<p>●Goals of the Course This course is intended to provide an introduction to the study of political science, looking at politics in the modern world and in the comparative perspective. Not only will this course provide some general organizing principles to students for understanding politics, but it will be useful in improving critical thinking and writing skills.</p> <p>●Objectives of the Course By the end of the course, students should obtain a basic understanding of organizing political principles, including types of political systems, classifications of political culture, predominant legal regimes and preeminent institutions.</p> <p>●Course Content or Plan Week 1 – course introduction Week 2 – political power, authority and the state Week 3 – political ideologies Week 4 – political culture Week 5 – political parties Week 6 – executive institutions Week 7 – interim summary and evaluation Week 8 – legislative institutions Week 9 – judicial institutions Week 10 – bureaucratic institutions Week 11 – interest groups Week 12 – electoral systems Week 13 – international organizations Week 14 – international political economy Week 15 – concluding summary and evaluation</p> <p>●Course Prerequisites and Related Courses Because this is an introductory course, no prerequisites are required. However, students should have a good command of the English language and come to class willing to discuss the week's topic.</p> <p>●Course Evaluation Method and Criteria Participation – 15% Essay – 25% Midterm exam – 30% Final exam – 30% Course withdrawal is possible up to one month after class starts or by special permission from the instructor. Please contact the instructor directly if you would like to withdraw from the course.</p> <p>●Study Load (Self-directed Learning Outside Course Hours) Please be sure to read the assigned readings ahead of class in order to prepare.</p> <p>●How to Respond to Questions Questions are accepted by email at any time.</p>			
Textbook	Caramani, Daniele (ed.). <i>Comparative Politics</i> , 4 th edition (2017): Oxford University Press. ISBN: 978-0198737421		
Reference Book	Additional references will be announced in class		