

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

1.	Program	BS Political Science
2.	Title	Comparative Politics-I
3.	Semester	5 th
4.	Code	BS -PS303
5.	Rating	04 Credit Hours
6.	Type	Core Course
7.	Pre-requisites	
8.	Introduction	<p>Comparative Politics is a sub-field of Political Science. The course on Comparative Politics in undergraduate and graduate classes is considered the most important one because of its theoretical diversity and methodological clarity. The course has been designed for two semesters whereby the focus shall remain on traditional as well as modern comparative politics. As a matter of fact, early Comparative Politics was generally ethnocentric and non-scientific which significantly ignored developing societies and broad principles of scientific investigation. With the advent of behavioral revolution in Social Sciences, Comparative Politics developed new conceptual schemes, philosophical base and methodological tools to explain newly emerging societies beyond western setting. The first portion of the course shall deal with <i>traditional, behaviorist and post-behaviorist</i> state of the field.</p> <p>Scholars working in the field of Modern Comparative Politics divide the discipline into two portions; <i>methodological and substantive</i>. Comparative method, its underpinning, conceptual debates, and theoretical and philosophical roots are covered in first part. In the second part, substantive comparative politics e.g. <i>democratization, social movements, identity politics and comparative political economy</i> etc. shall be explored at length. The students shall learn some latest theories to explain political phenomenon in comparative context.</p> <p>This course demands focus and exclusive attention to sharpen students' ability to think critically with regard to methods and substance. No levity at any stage of the course is expected since the course is designed in a systematic and connected way. It implies that first chapter is flowed by the second and so on. To ensure depth and persistence in learning, students shall have to be regular, vigilant and focused.</p>
9.	Objectives	The course has been designed to familiarize students with Comparative Politics and its concepts, methods and theories. The objectives are to enhance students' capacity to think critically, explore and frame <i>commonsense</i> into scientifically designed

		paradigms. The course also intends to prepare students for advance level research in the discipline of Political Science in general and comparative politics in particular.																								
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11.	Outcome	By the end of the course students will have knowledge about various approaches of comparative politics and they will have potential to analyze things critically. Students will be able to make comparison of various political system.																								
12.	Recommended Books / Reference	<i>The Political System. An Inquiry into the State of Political Science</i> , New York: Knopf. (1953)																								

	<p><i>A Systems Analysis of Political Life</i>, New York: Wiley. (1965) <i>Comparative Politics: A Developmental Approach</i> by Gabriel Almond, G. Powell (1966) <i>The Political System</i> by David Easton (1967) <i>Political Development and Democratic Theory: Rethinking Comparative Politics: Rethinking Comparative Politics</i> by Steven J. Hood (2004) <i>Pakistan: a New History</i> by Ian Talbot (2012)</p> <p>Articles: <i>Approaches to the Study of Political Development</i> by Robert A. Packenham <i>Indicators of political development</i> by Charles Lewis Taylor (2007) <i>Modernization: Theories and Facts</i> by Adam Przeworski and Fernando Limongi (1997) <i>Democracy and Economic Development: Modernization Theory Revisited</i> by Zehra F. Arat (1988) <i>The Political Economy of Growth Without Development: A Case Study of Pakistan</i> by William Easterly (2001)</p>
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Assessment Criteria:

Requirements	
Assignments/Quizzes/Project/Case Study/Team Presentations	
Mid-Term Exam	
Final Term Exam	