

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

1.	Program	BS Political Science										
2.	Title	Comparative Politics-II										
3.	Semester	6 th										
4.	Code	BS -PS312										
5.	Rating	04 Credit Hours										
6.	Type	Core Course										
7.	Pre-requisites											
8.	Introduction	<p>This course offers a critical introduction to the field of comparative politics. Comparative politics is commonly described as the study of the domestic politics of different states. In this class, we will focus less on the “what” (the dimensions of various politics) than on the “how” and “why”: methodological approaches and tools, theoretical advances and assumptions, and core substantive foci. The course offers not only an intellectual history and map, but also an entrée into key debates and the trade-offs among different approaches (rational, cultural, and structural), methods (quantitative and qualitative), and an overview of a range of substantive areas in comparative politics (regimes, terrorism, theories of modernization, political economy, social movements/collective action, nationalism, and globalization). Overall, the course is designed both to provide a broad survey, including at least a glimpse into many of the field’s canonical texts (either directly or by way of synoptic works assessing those texts), and to give students the tools needed to embark on further studies and original research.</p>										
9.	Objectives	<p>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.</p>										
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		Week6	○ Structure in Comparative Politics
		Week7	○ Cultural paradigm in Comparative Politics
		Week 8	○ Theories of nationalism and national identity ○ Pakistani Nationalism
		Week9	Mid Term Exams
		Week 10-11	Theories of political regimes: democracy, democratization and democratic stability ○ Defining democracy ○ Economic development and democracy ○ Explaining break down of authoritarianism by using three paradigms of comparative politics ○ Democratic consolidation
		Week 12-13	Comparative Political Economy: Explaining capitalist growth, industrialization and economic underdevelopment
		Week 14	○ Theories of modernization and beyond
		Week 15	○ Social Movements: Explaining rise and success of collective action
		Week 16	○ Terrorism and Comparative Perspective: What makes terrorism and why?
		Week 17	○ The Future of Comparative Politics
		Week 18	Final Term Exams
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>Doing Comparative Politics: An Introduction to Approaches and Issues</i> by Timothy C. Lim (2010) <i>Comparative Politics: Rationality, Culture, and Structure</i> edited by Mark Irving Lichbach and Alan S. Zuckerman; second Edition (2009).	

Assessment Criteria:

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