

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

1.	Program	BS. Political Science														
2.	Title	Comparative Political Systems (Developed USA & UK)														
3.	Semester	7 th														
4.	Code	BS -PS402														
5.	Rating	03 Credit Hours														
6.	Type	Core Course														
7.	Pre-requisites															
8.	Introduction	There are different types of political systems in the world having a variety of constitutional ideas such as parliamentary form in UK and presidential form in the United States. There is also a difference between a unitary constitution/state like Great Britain and a federal constitution/state as the United States. This course is designed to acquaint the students with both theory and practice of stable democracies like U.S. A. & U.K. The major focus is on the development or evolution of the political institutions such as executive, legislature, judiciary, political parties & pressure groups, and lobbyists. What are the structures and their functions in a polity? Where the power does lie to make laws or amend the constitution?														
9.	Objectives	The major objective of this course is to familiarize the students that what kind of constitutional or legal relationship is among the different political forces? This course provides an introduction to the tools that help the students to answer some of these questions. We will cover a variety of topics such as the salient features or the basic foundations of their constitutions including the role of society and culture in shaping political attitudes of the people/voters. This course provides an opportunity to the students to understand and analyze the politics of two developed and two developing nations in the world.														
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		Week 7	Federal Form of Government
		Week 8	Separation of Powers with Checks and Balances
		Week 9	Mid Term Exams
		Week 10	Presidency, Qualifications, the Office, Role and powers, Elections
		Week 11	The U.S. Congress (Membership, Elections, Working)
		Week 12	The US Supreme Court, Judicial Review, Political parties and Pressure Groups
		Week 13	The Evolution of British Political System, Salient features or Foundations of the British Political System
		Week 14	Monarchy, origin, Powers, and Functions
		Week 15	The British Parliament, composition, elections, powers and functions, reforms
		Week 16	Prime Minister and Cabinet, Powers
		Week 17	Pressure groups and Interests Groups
		Week 18	Final Term Exams
11.	Outcome	Students will have idea about the functions of political system of developed countries. They can suggest different proposal for improvement in the functioning of developing country's political system after going through in a comprehensive way the various functional aspects of political system of developed countries.	
12.	Recommended Books / Reference	<p>Required Texts and Reading Material</p> <p>Birch, A. H. (1998). <i>The British System of Government</i>. NY: Routledge (Chapter One, pp 3-17)</p> <p>Coxall, B., & et al. (2003). <i>Contemporary British Politics</i>. NY: PALGRAVE MACMILLAN. (Chapters Eight & Nine, pp. 115-155)</p> <p>Dragnich, A. N. & Rasmussen, J.S. (1986). <i>Major European Governments</i>. California: Brooks/Cole Publishing Company. (Chapter One, pp 37-51)</p> <p>Forman, F.N., & Baldwin, N.D. J.(1999). <i>Mastering British Politics</i>. London: MACMILLAN Press Ltd. (Chapters 9, 10, 11, 12, & 17, pp 211-315 and 435-463)</p> <p>Janda, K. & et al. (1992). <i>The Challenge of Democracy: Government in America</i>. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company. (Chapter 3, pp. 63-105)</p> <p>Patterson, T.E. (2002). <i>We the people: A Concise Introduction to American politics</i>;</p>	

		<p>NY: McGraw Hill. (Chapters 11, 12, 14, pp. 304-381 & 415-446)</p> <p>US Information Agency. <i>An Outline of American History</i>. (Chapter 2 & 3, pp. 30-45 & 60-79)</p> <p>Wang, J. (2005). <i>Contemporary Chinese Politics</i></p> <p>Watts, D. (2006). <i>British Government and Politics: A Comparative Guide</i>. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press. (Chapter Two, pp 24-41)</p>
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Assessment Criteria:

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