

POL-303.01

Comparative Politics II

Spring 2008

Time and Location: MWF 12:00 to 12:50 238 Dickey Hall

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Required Text:

Green, December and Laura Luehrman. 2007. *Comparative Politics of the Third World: Linking Concepts and Cases*. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner.

Course Description:

This course will expose the students to an analysis of political change and development in developing regions such as Africa, Latin America, South Asia, and Eastern Europe.

Student Learner Outcomes:

- 1.) Critically analyze the politics of a developing country through writing.
- 2.) Critically analyze the politics of a developing country in an oral presentation.
- 3.) Demonstrate the ability to use theoretical constructs in analyzing developing countries and regions.

Academic Integrity:

Any violation outlined in parts 1. and 2. of the attached FACULTY STATEMENT ON ACADEMIC INTEGRITY will not be tolerated. In particular any cheating on exams, quizzes, class projects, or any instance of plagiarism will result in a notice of misconduct that will be sent to the Office of the Registrar and/or failure for the project. Any additional instances of cheating and/or plagiarism will result in a grade of "F" for the course.

Furthermore, students must attend each and every class in this course during the semester (see also **Attendance Policy**). If some emergency should arise that will make you late or cause you to miss a class, you are to notify me before class starts. It is absolute necessary that you communicate with me promptly and straightforwardly if any problem affecting your progress in the class should arise. Thus, if you are having any problems with a project, reading or lecture material, or any other academic problems that pertains to this class, you are to notify me in class, during my office hours, or by phone.

Attendance Policy:

Per *The Lincoln University Bulletin*, the attendance policy consists of the following:

1. Four absences may result in the automatic failure in the course.
2. Three tardy arrivals may be counted as one absence.
3. Absences will be counted starting the first class meeting following the last day of official registration as per the University calendar.
4. In case of illness, death in the family, or other extenuating circumstances, the student must present documented evidence of inability to attend classes to the Vice President for Enrollment Planning and Student Life. However, in such cases the student is responsible for all work missed during those absences.
5. Students representing the University in athletic events or other University sanctioned activities will be excused from class with the responsibility of making up all work and examinations. The Registrar will issue the excuse format to the faculty in charge of the off-or-on-campus activity for delivery by the student(s) to their instructor.

Assignments and Grading

I will determine your grade by your performance on the following:

COUNTRY STUDY PAPERS:

By January 23, you will choose one of the following countries on which to write two country studies:

Mexico
Brazil
Venezuela
Kenya
Nigeria
South Africa
China
Russia
Peru
Zimbabwe
Iran
Turkey
Indonesia

Paper One-Background paper: This seven-page paper will focus on the history, governmental institutions, and political parties (the history of the main political parties) of your country. Acceptable sources for the background paper are limited to *New York Times* articles on your country and other sources on the *New York Times* country page such as the State Department, BBC, Library of Congress, etc. You will cite these sources 14 times in the body of the paper (2 cites per page) and provide a full bibliography for these sources at the end of the paper. **20% Due February 4 (#1)**

Contemporary Issues Paper (five pages): Write about recent (last two years) and current political issues facing your country. The only acceptable sources for this paper are the following: *New York Times* articles on the country between January 1, 2006 and April 1, 2008 and recent and current newspaper articles (in English, unless you have a strong foreign language ability) from your country. **20% March 1 (#1)**

Theory Paper (3 pages): Theorize about your country using theories discussed from the Green and Luehrman book. **20% March 24 (#3)**

Presentation: Present the findings of your research in a five to ten minute presentation. **20% April 4 (#2)**

Chapter Summaries: Due as we finish chapters. Three pages each. **20% (#2)**

Reading Assignments

Week One	Chapter 10
Week Two	Chapter 11
Week Three	Chapter 12
Week Four	Chapter 13
Week Five	Chapter 14
Week Six	Chapter 15
Week Seven	Chapter 16
Week Eight	Chapter 17
Week Nine	Chapter 18
Week Ten	Chapter 19
Week Eleven	Chapter 20
Week Twelve	Chapter 21
Week Thirteen	Chapter 21
Week Fourteen	Chapter 22
Week Fifteen	Chapter 23