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## Introduction to Political Science 1982 Syllabus

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COMPARATIVE POLITICS

Grading

Students are graded individually on their performance of the following assignments:

- two exams (a midterm and a final) worth 100 points apiece;
- eight area studies worth 30 points apiece;
- a term paper worth 60 points; and
- an extra credit oral presentation worth 30 points.

The term paper should be on a country of your choice and should include (minimally) the same basic information contained in the area studies. See the "term paper" handout for more details.

A total of 600 points is possible (630 points with the extra-credit option). The grading scale is:

- 530-630=A; 460-529=B; 390-459=C; 320-389=D; 319 and below=F.

Calendar

- January 7 Introduction: Political Concepts; World Map
- January 14 Political Geography; Paraguay
- January 21 Political History; Zaire
- January 28 Group Life; Indonesia
- February 4 Participation; Jamaica
- February 11 Policy-Making; Iraq; Midterm Exam
- February 18 Policy-Enforcement; Poland
- February 25 Symbolic and Representative Institutions; United Kingdom
- March 4 Conflict-Management; Soviet Union
- March 11 Political Performance; Switzerland; Review; Term Papers
- March 18 Final Exam

Resources

There is no textbook for this course. Students are encouraged to use the college library for their research. There are various encyclopedias, periodicals, and indexes available. Consult the card catalog for specific countries. Some countries maintain local embassies and trade missions.