CPO 3104 Politics of Western Europe
Summer 2016

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Course Description:

This course provides an introduction to European politics. We examine the evolution, structures and operation of representative institutions across European countries and focus on particular *themes*, such as political parties, elections, government formation, policy making, social movements and so on across European countries rather than focusing on particular countries. We discuss the implications of different political institutions for different political, policy, and social outcomes.

Course Objectives:

By the end of the course you will:

- Have good knowledge of the structure and operation of European representative institutions
- Have good knowledge of the implications of European institutions for political and policy outcomes
- Use your knowledge on European institutions and their implications to think analytically on current European politics
- Use your knowledge of European institutions and their implications to think critically on political and policy issues in European democracies

Required textbooks:

Markus M.L. Crepaz and Jurg Steiner. 2012. ***European Democracies*.** 8th Edition. Longman

Missed Assignments/Make-Ups, Extra credit

There will be a penalty of one letter grade for all late work (except for cases involving overriding and well documented personal circumstances). Students need to request permission for any late submission of work; if the request is granted work should be submitted within one week of the missed deadline.

There is **extra credit** for this course for the completion of a Library Assignment connected to the final assignment for this course (a research paper).

Recording Academic Activity Policy

As of Fall 2014, all faculty members are required to document students' academic activity at the beginning of each course. In order to document that you began this course, please **complete the assignments for Module One** by the end of the first week of classes, or as soon as possible after adding the course, but **no later than May 20**. **Failure to do so will result in a delay in the disbursement of your financial aid.**

Evaluation and Grading

Grade Categories	**Requirement**	**Grade Weight**
Module One		5%
Modules 2-6	Five Modules (2, 3, 4, 5, 6)	55%
Quizzes	Four Quizzes (5, 6, 9, 10)	20%
Research Paper	See Module 8	20%

- Grading information on the specific assignment will be provided in the assignment itself.
- To complete the course you ought to complete all assignments.
- The following plus/minus grading system will apply in this course.
  A = 93+, A- = 90-92, B+ = 88-89, B = 83-87, B- = 80-82, C+ = 78-79,
  C = 73-77, C- = 70-72, D+ = 68-69, D = 63-67, D- = 60-62,
  F= 59 or below.

Academic Honesty

Plagiarism and Cheating of any kind on an examination, quiz, or assignment will result at least in an "F" for that assignment (and may, depending on the severity of the case, lead to an "F" for the entire course) and may be subject to appropriate referral to the Office of Student Conduct for further action. See the UCF Golden Rule for further information. I will assume for this course that you will adhere to the academic creed of this University and will maintain the highest standards of academic integrity. In other words, don't cheat by giving answers to others or taking them from anyone else. I will also adhere to the highest standards of academic integrity, so please do not ask me to bend or break rules for one person that will not apply to everyone.

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Class Schedule Summer 2016

Week	**Topic**	**Assignments**
May 16	Getting Started	"Learning online" **See Module 1** **Due: May 20, 11 PM**
May 23	Political Parties	*European Democracies*: Chapter 2 **See Module 2:** • Quiz 2 (Chapter 2) • One-page assignment Due: **May 27, 11 PM**
May 31	Parliaments: How They are Elected and How They Work	*European Democracies*: Chapter 3 **See Module 3**: • Quiz 3 (Chapter 3) • On-line discussion Due: **June 3, 11 PM**
June 6	Cabinet Formation and Heads of State	*European Democracies*: Chapter 4 **See Module 4**: • Quiz 4 (Chapter 4) • One-page Assignment **Due: June 10, 11 PM**

June 13	Courts, Referenda, Federalism Social Movements	*European Democracies*: Chapters 5, 6, 7 Chapter 8 **<u>Quiz 5</u>: Chapters 5, 6, 7** **<u>Quiz 6</u>: Chapter 8** **Due: June 17, 11 PM**
June 20	The State and Economic Interest Groups Policy Outcomes	*European Democracies*: Chapters 9, 10 **See Module 5:** • Quiz 7 (Chapters 9 & 10) • On-line discussion **Due: June 24, 11 PM**
June 27	The Legacy of Communism in Central and Eastern Europe	*European Democracies:* Chapter 11 **See Module 6:** • Quiz 8 (Chapter 11) • On-line discussion **Due: July 1, 11 PM**
July 5	Nationalism and Ethnicity Deeply Divided Societies The European Union	*European Democracies:* Chapters 12, 13 Chapter 14 **See Module 7**: **<u>Quiz 9</u>** (Chapters 12 & 13) **<u>Quiz 10</u>** (Chapter 14) **Due: July 8, 11 PM**

July 11	**Research Paper**	**See Module 8** • 5-6 page research paper **Due July 15, 11 PM**