

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY CHANNEL ISLANDS

**NEW COURSE PROPOSAL**

PROGRAM AREA POLITICAL SCIENCE

**1. Catalog Description of the Course.** *[Follow accepted catalog format.]*

**Prefix** POLS **Course#** 326 **Title** GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS OF SELECTED NATIONS **Units** (3)

3 hours Lecture per week

Prerequisites

Corequisites

**Description** An intensive study of the politics and government of a nation or group of nations. Topics will include study of the government structure, political processes, political behavior and public policies. Areas of focus vary by semester. Repeatable based on topic.

Gen Ed Categories

Lab Fee Required

**Graded**

CR/NC

Repeatable for up to 9 units

A - F

Optional (Student's choice)

**Total Completions Allowed**

Multiple Enrollment in same semester

**2. Mode of Instruction.**

	<b>Units</b>	<b>Hours per Unit</b>	<b>Benchmark Enrollment</b>	<b>Graded Component</b>	<b>CS #</b> (filled in by Dean)
Lecture	3	1	30	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Seminar	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Laboratory	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Activity	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

**3. Justification and Learning Objectives for the Course.** (Indicate whether required or elective, and whether it meets University Writing, and/or Language requirements) *[Use as much space as necessary]*

**Justification:** This is an elective course towards the Political Science major and minor. Fully developed political science programs typically feature several upper division comparative politics courses that vary by region of the world. Common areas of emphasis include China, Russia, Japan, Great Britain, and Mexico. Often the course catalogs will contain specific courses for several of these nation states (depending on faculty interests and training) with an additional course for other areas called "selected nations." As CSUCI currently does not have a comparative politics specialist on its faculty, it is prudent to begin with a single selected nations courses, allowing the future hire(s) to design their own courses in their areas of expertise.

**Learning Objectives:**

Upon completion of this course students will be able to:

*(Press enter for the next bulleted item)*

- Discuss in detail the political and policy making structures of a specific foreign nation
- Compare the institutions, political culture and behavior of United States government with another nation
- Apply the theories of comparative politics to a specific non-US case
- Research and write clearly about an aspect of politics or policy making of a selected nation
- Critique the constitutional design of a foreign nation

**4. Is this a General Education Course** YES  NO

**If Yes, indicate GE category and attach GE Criteria Form:**

**A (English Language, Communication, Critical Thinking)**

A-1 Oral Communication

A-2 English Writing

A-3 Critical Thinking

**B (Mathematics, Sciences & Technology)**

B-1 Physical Sciences

B-2 Life Sciences – Biology

- B-3 Mathematics – Mathematics and Applications
- B-4 Computers and Information Technology
- C (Fine Arts, Literature, Languages & Cultures)**
- C-1 Art
- C-2 Literature Courses
- C-3a Language
- C-3b Multicultural
- D (Social Perspectives)**
- E (Human Psychological and Physiological Perspectives)**
- UD Interdisciplinary**

**5. Course Content in Outline Form.** *[Be as brief as possible, but use as much space as necessary]*  
*(Press enter for the next bulleted item)*

NOTE: The course outline will vary depending on the nation that is being studied. The following outline and list of reference pertains to a course on British Politics

- The Unwritten British Constitution
- Voting and Elections in Great Britain
- Political Parties in Britain
- Labour Party
- Conservative Party
- Liberal/SDP Alliance
- Minor Parties
- The Prime Minister and Cabinet Government
- Parliament
- Judiciary
- Public Opinion, Interest Groups and the Media
- The Welfare State
- Major policy issues
- British Foreign Policy
- Britain and the EC/EU

Does this course overlap a course offered in your academic program? YES  NO

If YES, what course(s) and provide a justification of the overlap?

Does this course overlap a course offered in another academic area? YES  NO

If YES, what course(s) and provide a justification of the overlap?

Signature of Academic Chair of the other academic area is required on the consultation sheet below.

**6. Cross-listed Courses (Please fill out separate form for each PREFIX)**

List Cross-listed Courses

Signature of Academic Chair(s) of the other academic area(s) is required on the consultation sheet below

Department responsible for staffing: POLS

**7. References.** *[Provide 3 - 5 references on which this course is based and/or support it.]*

*(Press enter for the next number)*

1. Contemporary British Politics (4th ed.) by Bill Coxall, (Lynton Robins & Robert Leach)
2. Norton, Phillip. 2001. The British Polity. 4/e. (New York: Longman).
3. Dunleavy, Patrick et al., (eds). 2000. Developments in British Politics 7. (Palgrave Macmillan).
4. King, Anthony, (ed). 2002. Britain at the Polls, 2001. (Chatham, NJ: Chatham House Publishers).

**8. List Faculty Qualified to Teach This Course.**

New Hire

**9. Frequency.**

a. Projected semesters to be offered: Fall  Spring  Summer

**10. New Resources Required. YES  NO**

If YES, list the resources needed and obtain signatures from the appropriate programs/units on the consultation sheet below.

a. Computer (data processing), audio visual, broadcasting needs, other equipment)

b. Library needs

c. Facility/space needs

**11. Will this new course alter any degree, credential, certificate, or minor in your program? YES  NO**

If, YES attach a program modification form for all programs affected.

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Proposer of Course

9/20/2005

Date