

**Faculty of Economics and Political Science**

**Theory of Comparative Politics**

**Information :**

**Course Code :** PSC 200

**Level :** Undergraduate

**Course Hours :** 3.00- Hours

**Department :** Minor Political Science

**Instructor Information :**

Title	Name	Office hours
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**Area Of Study :**

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**Course outcomes :**

**a. Knowledge and Understanding: :**

1 -	Identify changes between democracy to non-democratic systems, or the other way around, and why and how they happen.
2 -	Recognize the difference between theory and practice in different chosen case studies.
3 -	Define the difference between types of governments and political systems.

**b. Intellectual Skills: :**

1 -	Examine substantial regional and international issues and factors such as the current people revolts in different parts of the world, and be able to draw traits and trends.
2 -	Combine theoretical to practical issues and analyze them.
3 -	Explain why the political systems of the world's superpowers act in certain situations as they do.

**c. Professional and Practical Skills :**

1 -	Analyze how the stance of the Arab revolutions has impacted on regional and international calculations in theory and in practice.
2 -	Illustrate a relatively strong understanding of current and historical events related to the chosen cases.
3 -	Relate the different given case studies to regional and other international cases to understand the pro and cons of each experience.

**d. General and Transferable Skills :**

1 -	Evaluate the performance of regional and international political actors to the Arab Spring, Ukrainian Uprisings and the like.
2 -	Compare between different events and how different political systems or states reacted to them.
3 -	Think of different scenarios, scenario building method, as opposed to those practiced by world leaders and political systems.

**Course Topic And Contents :**

Topic	No. of hours	Lecture	Tutorial / Practical
Introductory Lecture and Course Outline			
Definitions: Political systems, regimes, revolutions, uprisings, democracy and dictatorship			
Theoretical: Media and Politics (and practical cases)			
Theoretical: Minorities and uprisings in politics shaping (and a practical case)			

**Teaching And Learning Methodologies :**

Demonstration videos
Presentation
Debates
Group discussion
Research Paper

**Recommended books :**

Charles Hauss, Melissa Haussman, Comparative Politics: Domestic Responses to Global Challenges, Cengage Learning, 2012.