

Faculty of Economics and Political Science

Political Development

Information :

Course Code : PSC 303

Level : Undergraduate

Course Hours : 3.00- Hours

Department : Department of Public Administration

Instructor Information :

Title	Name	Office hours
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Area Of Study :

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Course Goals:

Address the most enduring questions of political and economic development.

Comprehend and analyze crucial issues and challenges facing political development in third world countries.

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Course outcomes :

a. Knowledge and Understanding: :

1 -	Define the historical factors which led to the emergence of the third world, and the contemporary factors which impede development.
2 -	Recognize current political affairs on the national, regional and international levels such as, for example: countries in transitions, revolutions and resistance, as well as the successful economic and political models around the world.
3 -	Identify the importance of the concept of political and economic development, and the recent theories or concepts of democratization, institution-building, and the most successful economic models.

b. Intellectual Skills: :

1 -	Employ and apply the different development theories to current events.
2 -	Outline ethical position towards the role of women, religion, poverty and human rights in political and economic development.

c. Professional and Practical Skills: :

1 -	Relate and connect between historical events and political theories with contemporary political and economic development issues, in Egypt and abroad.
2 -	Employ the gained knowledge in the analysis of a variety of case studies and various development experiences from around the world.
3 -	Illustrate the art of research and use of methodologies in writing essays.

d. General and Transferable Skills: :

1 -	Think systematically and construct logical arguments about achieving political and economic development.
2 -	Allow to effectively coordinate with others in a discussion.
3 -	Evaluate the sources of news and their credibility.

Course Topic And Contents :

Topic	No. of hours	Lecture	Tutorial / Practical
Introductory Lecture and Course Outline	3	1	
Theories of Political Development	3	1	
Political Development in Egypt	3	1	
Transition to democracy . Part 1	6	2	
Transition to democracy . Part 2	3	1	
Midterm Exam		1	
The Military and Political Development	6	2	
Religion and Political Development	3	1	
Rural Development and Politics	3	1	
Women and Political Development	6	2	
Culture and Development	3	1	
Final Exam		1	

Teaching And Learning Methodologies :

Demonstration videos
Presentation
Simulations
Debates
Group discussion
Research Paper

Course Assessment :

Methods of assessment	Relative weight %	Week No	Assess What
Course Work (Attendance, Participation, Assignments, Quizzes, Research Paper) D	30.00		To assess understanding, and to assess theoretical background of the intellectual and practical skills.
Final Exam	40.00	15	To assess knowledge and intellectual skills.

Midterm Exam(s)	30.00	7	To assess professional skills.
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Recommended books :

Howard Handleman, The Challenge of Third World Development. New Jersey: Pearson Education: 2013.