

Course Syllabus

1. **Program of Study** Bachelor of Arts (Social Science)
Faculty/Institute/College Mahidol University International College
2. **Course Code** ICSO 272 **Course Title** Comparative Political Systems
3. **Number of Credits** 4 (**Lecture / Lab**) (4-0)
4. **Prerequisite (s)** None
5. **Type of Course** Major elective of International Studies Concentration
6. **Trimester / Academic Year** Term 1, every other year

7. **Course Description**

The various forms of political systems in theory, principle and practice. Political systems in democracies, modern authoritarian states, military dictatorships, and other systems. Forms of representation, party political systems, elections and decision making. The working of the executive, legislative and judicial aspects of government and their inter-relationship.

8. **Course Objective (s)**

- 1) To see how various political concepts are put into practice.
- 2) To examine how politics works in various countries.

9. **Course Outline**

Week	Topic		Instructor
	Lecture	Hour	
1	Introduction to course Introduction to theory : Political systems	4	Hayes
2	Introduction to Comparative politics USA	4	
3	United Kingdom	4	
4	Germany	4	
5	Japan	4	
6	Politics of Developing Countries	4	
7	Nigeria	4	
8	Brazil	4	
9	China	4	
10	Iran	4	
11	Course summary	4	
	Total	44	

10. **Teaching Method (s)**

Lecture and discussion.

11. Teaching Media

Texts, transparencies, videos.

12. Measurement and evaluation of student achievement

The standard scale of 90 - 100 = A, 85 - 89 = B+, 80 - 84 = B, etc. 60 is required to pass.

13. Course evaluation

Grading will be based on two in-class exams (45% each) and contribution to discussion 10%.

14. Reference (s)

- 1) Charles Hauss, *Comparative Politics : Domestic Responses and Global Challenges*. 3rd ed. Belmont : Wadsworth, 2000.
- 2) Mark Kesselman *et al*, *Introduction to Comparative Politics : Political Challenges and Changing Agendas*, (2nd ed.) Boston, Houghton, 2000.

15. Instructor (s)

Mike Hayes

16. Course Coordinator

Eugene Jones