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BASIC COURSE INFORMATION

COURSE TITLE: Comparative Government and Politics

COURSE NUMBER: POL 315

I. RATIONALE:
The course provides the student with a basic framework leading to an understanding of the various forms of government within the international environment and the impact of political ideology, social interaction, and individual leadership styles on those institutions. The course provides the basis for increasing the student's understanding of the role of the U.S. in world affairs in its various aspects -- political, economies, social, and military.

II. COURSE OBJECTIVES

GOAL A. Understand the basic political ideologies and their impact on individual societies.

Learning Objectives: The student will:
A-1. Analyze the purpose of government
A-2. Describe the role of government in the lives of citizens and societies
A-3. Define the concept of political development
A-4. Analyze the differing world views of what actions a citizenry believes their government ought to pursue

GOAL B. Articulate the basic forms of governments in the democratically developed, the communist, and the least developed nations.

Learning Objectives: The student will:
B-1. Define the components of a political system
B-2. Describe how the different political systems operate
B-3. Describe current forces that affect contemporary political cultures
B-4. Define interest articulation and explain its forms
GOAL C. Evaluate the impact of ideological, social, and political systems on individual nation's public policy decisions.

Learning Objectives: The student will examine these decisions in the areas of:

C-1. The economy
C-2. Health
C-3. Welfare
C-4. National security

GOAL D. Systematically compare world governments

Learning Objectives: The student will:
D-1. Analyze the political cultures, structures and processes of the world’s political systems
D-2. Discuss the domestic and international challenges currently facing specific world governments
D-3. Connect the relationship among societies to their governing institutions

GOAL E. Demonstrate effective mastery of these objectives through proficient written and oral expression of ideas through tests, projects, papers, and/or presentations.

Learning Objectives: The student will:
E-1 Communicate information orally in a logical and grammatically correct manner
E-2 Present written information using standard APA style
E-3 Write clearly, concisely, and appropriately using correct English grammar, punctuation, usage, mechanics sentence structure, and vocabulary