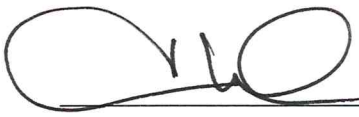
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COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF MODERN POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS AND PROCESSES

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The course "Comparative analysis of modern political institutions and processes" is developed in compliance with MGIMO-University Educational Standard for Master's Program on Political science, program track « Russian policies studies » (dual program of Lomonosov Moscow State University and MGIMO-University).

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Part 1. Course description

1.1. General information

Full course title: Comparative analysis of modern political institutions and processes

Type of course: Elective

Level of education: Master Degree program

Year of study: 1st

Number of ECTS credits allocated: 3

Lecturers:

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1.2. Course aims and expected outcomes

This course provides an introduction to the field of Comparative analysis of modern political institutions and processes. Therefore, it is designed as a survey course, with emphasis placed on breadth of topical coverage rather than depth. Greater depth of coverage for many of the topics introduced in the course is provided in other required and elective courses. Along with the development of knowledge about the field of Comparative analysis of modern political institutions and processes, skill development is emphasized in this course. These skills include verbal skills, analytic skills, and presentation skills.

The thematic focus of the course is centered on the relationship between politics, policy, and administration. We will try to follow the calendar outlined in the syllabus as closely as possible, but, like any administrative plan, adjustments may be required by unanticipated events or circumstances. Suggested readings are listed on the syllabus for each topic. An introduction and overview (mini-lectures) of each topic will be provided. The majority of class time, however, will be used to discuss students' presentations (case studies).

Learning outcomes:

At the end of the course, a student is expected to:

Code and name of the graduate universal competence	*Code and name of the universal competence achievement indicator*
UC-1. Able to carry out critical analysis of problem situations on the basis of a systematic approach, develop a strategy for action	UCI-1.1. Analyzes, verifies, assesses the completeness and sufficiency of information in the course of professional activity, if necessary, replenishes and synthesizes the missing information. UCI-1.2. Develops alternative strategies for action, including in unusual circumstances, based on critical analysis and a systematic approach.
UC-5 Able to analyze and take into account the diversity of cultures in the process of intercultural interaction	UCI-5.1. Constructively interacts with people, taking into account their sociocultural characteristics, in order to successfully complete the tasks and strengthen social integration.

1.3. Course requirements and grading plan

Students are supposed to attend all seminars and lectures and be fully prepared for class discussions. Moreover, students are expected to read suggested materials that may assure their ability to make necessary and useful contribution to in-class discussions. Furthermore, students should make at least one in-class presentation.

Grading plan:

30% - participation in class discussion;

20% - in-class test (the exact date of the test is decided by lecturer, students are informed about the date in advance);

20% - in-class individual presentation (presentation should include an independent research conducted by a student; presentation take no more than 15 minutes);

30% - Analysis Paper

The lecturer reserves the right to reward exceptional effort in class with extra credit.

2. Course content

2.1. Forms of work

Forms of work	Academic hours	Credits
Total	**126**	**3**
Total for lectures, seminars	36	
Lectures	18	
Seminars	18	
Homework (self-preparation, presentation-related research)	90	
Course assessment	Work at seminars, In-class presentations,	

	Final oral discussion	

2.2. Discipline contents

Units and topics	Academic hours			
	Lectures	**Seminars**	**Homework**	**Per unit/topic**
Comparative political science: methodological problems	4	-	20	24
Political regimes	4	2	10	16
Political culture	4	4	10	18
Political participation and electoral process	4	4	20	28
Contemporary Lobbying	2	4	10	16
Church and politics	-	4	20	24
Total	18	18	90	126

2.3. Course in briefs

Topic 1. Comparative political science: methodological problems

Problems of the current state of comparative political science (one discipline or applications to different areas of research). New directions of research. Use of qualitative and quantitative methods of analysis. Modern problems of the comparative method.

Topic 2. Political regimes

Problems of changing the form of government and transformation of constitutions. Regulated regime change under constitutional rule. Ways and forms of transition from one type of regime to another. "Transitional regime". Transitology and Consolidology as Parts of Comparative Political Science. Competition between "regime" and "opposition" as a constitutional principle, its implementation in various conditions. Polyarchy, its types and historical varieties. Problems of liberalization and democratization of the political regime. Regime legitimation.

Topic 3. Political culture

Study of contemporary problems of political culture and political socialization. Political culture in a "postindustrial" society. Specificity of political culture in the "new independent states". Contemporary discussions about the factors of political socialization.

The concept of political communication. Media and communication (traditional and modern). Conceptual approaches to the interpretation of the role of the media in society.

The problem of objectivity of the media. Forms and methods of influence of mass media on politics. The situation of the media in different political regimes in different regions of the world.

Topic 4. Political participation and electoral process

New forms of political participation. The evolution of political leadership. Recruiting elites in modern society. Political participation in various political regimes. Political participation and the problem of violence in modern politics.

Features of electoral behavior under different electoral systems and in countries with different political regimes.

Types of modern election campaigns. Possibilities and prospects of modeling election campaigns in terms of the electoral market and electoral space. Civilizational and (sub) cultural styles of campaigning in the modern world.

Topic 5. Contemporary Lobbying

Institutional setting of lobbying. Interest group strategy. "Gaining access" strategy: personal connections. Corruption as a bad practice. Informational resource of groups and issue networks. Embedded lobbyists. "Going public" strategy. The level of integration in the political process. PR instruments in lobbying. Protests and limited violence in promotion of decisions. New ways of communications in lobbying practices: Twitter-wars, targeted commercials, paid comments.

The process of introducing bills in the US Congress. Committees in the Chambers of Congress: the role of chairs and key members. Subsidiary bodies of the Congress. The Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995: the contact test, the money test and the time test. Lobbying reports: information on the amount of money spent and received, information on government entities contacted, lobbyists engaged and specific action lobbied. Prohibition of gratuity. Foreign agent status. The main supranational institutions of the EU. European Commission. European Council. European Parliament. EU Presidency. Advisory bodies to the EU authorities. Committees of the European Parliament. Areas of exclusive EU jurisdiction. The powers of the European Parliament in the decision-making area. European supranational parties. EU Transparency Register. Regulation of lobbying in the UK and France. Approaches to lobbying in Germany. Lobbyism in Eastern European countries.

Topic 6. Church and politics

The history of the church-state relations. Secularization vs "New paradigm" (the theory of religious economy). The position of the church under various political regimes. The principle of state religion. The essence of the principle of freedom of conscience and separation of church and state. The problem of religious freedom under various political regimes.

Social and political activities of the church in different regions of the world. Modern religious parties and organizations. Christian Democratic parties and movements. Right-wing radical religious movements. Religious fundamentalism. Religious lobbying: technologies and resources.

3. Methodical provisions

3.1. Presentation topics.

1. Comparative studies in foreign political science 2010-2020
2. Comparative studies in Russian political science 2010-2020
3. The role of representative authorities in the modern world
4. To what extent and by what means can political control over the bureaucracy be established
5. Political elites and democracy
6. The most important characteristic of modern comparative political science

3.2. Questions for final oral discussion.

1. Features of the use of the comparative method in modern political science.
2. Ideal types and their implications for comparative studies.
3. The categorical apparatus of modern comparative political science.
4. Modern problems of the formation and development of statehood.
5. Features of modern authoritarian regimes, their similarities and differences.
6. Forms and models of democracy in the modern world.
7. Specificity of political culture in "postindustrial" societies.

8. Contemporary political culture in Eastern Europe and the "newly independent states".
9. Forms and methods of influence of modern mass media on politics.
10. New forms of political participation.
11. Modern versions of electoral systems.
12. Referendums and plebiscites in the modern world.
13. Classification of interest groups.
14. Features of modern lobbying.
15. The reasons for the growth in the number of civil servants in modern states.
16. The functions of bureaucracy in modern society.
17. Forms and methods of influence of bureaucracy on politics.
18. Methods and forms of control over the activities of the bureaucracy.
19. The main approaches to the interpretation of the role of law enforcement agencies in society.
20. The relationship between church and state in modern conditions.
21. Modern religious parties and organizations.
22. Religious fundamentalism.
23. Religious lobbying

3.3. Assessment of different types of works

Type of work	Grading system	Criteria
in-class test	A (90-100%)	Student answered correctly 9 or more questions out of 10.
	B, C (75-89%)	Student answered correctly 7-8 questions out of 10.
	D, F (60-74%)	Student answered correctly 5-6 questions out of 10.

	E (less than 60%)	Student answered correctly less than 5 more questions out of 10.
participation in class discussion, in-class individual presentation	A (90-100%)	Outstanding presentation of independent work, active participation and critical participation in the discussion
	B (82-89%)	Outstanding presentation of independent work with limited participation in the discussion.
	C (75-81%)	Standard (sufficient) presentation with limited participation in the discussion.
	D (67-74%)	Standard presentation with no participation in the discussion.
	E (60-66%)	Standard presentation with visible errors and no participation in the discussion.
	F (less than 60%)	Lack of understanding of the subject in the presentation and discussions
final oral discussion on the given list of topics ("zachyot")	A (90-100%)	Thought-provoking and informed answers to the questions in the ticket and two additional questions.
	B (82-89%)	Student gives correct answers to questions in the ticket and two additional questions.

	C (75-81%)	The correct answers to the questions in the ticket and to two additional questions are given, provided there are inaccuracies and occasional gaps in knowledge.
	D (67-74%)	The right answers for ticket questions are combined with inaccurate answers to additional questions.
	E (60-66%)	The correct answer to one of the ticket questions and one additional question.
	F (less than 60%)	Incorrect answers to ticket questions and additional questions.

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Compulsory readings

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Internet resources, Data bases

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1.	ЭБС ZNANIUM.COM «НИЦ ИНФРА-М» http://znanium.com/	Содержит книги, журналы, статьи из различных изданий (более 20 тыс.) Сайт ЭБС **соответствует ГОСТ 52872-2012: «Интернет-ресурсы. Требования доступности для инвалидов по зрению».**
2.	ЭБС «Университетская библиотека онлайн» ООО «НексМедиа» https://biblioclub.ru/	Доступ к базовой коллекции и 135 книгам издательств-партнеров Ресурс содержит учебники, учебные пособия, монографии, периодические издания, справочники, словари, энциклопедии, видео- и аудиоматериалы, художественную литературу. (более 100 тыс. наименований). Сайт ЭБС **соответствует ГОСТ 52872-2012: «Интернет-ресурсы. Требования доступности для инвалидов по зрению».** В базе данных представлено более 3000 аудиокниг, а скачиваемые фрагменты в формате pdf, содержат подтекстовый слой, достаточно высокого качества и могут использоваться тифлопрограммами для голосового озвучивания текстов, быть загружены в тифлоплееры (устройств для прослушивания книг), а также скопированы на любое устройство для комфортного чтения.
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4.	«eBook Academic Subscription Collection» EBSCO Publishing http://search.ebscohost.com/	«eBook Academic Subscription Collection» - более 170 тысяч электронных книг: монографии, учебники, словари, энциклопедии, справочники
5.	Scopus Elsevier B.V. https://www.scopus.com/	Мультидисциплинарная (около 350 научных областей) реферативно-библиографическая и наукометрическая база данных журнальных статей, материалов научных конференций и монографий. Scopus индексирует контент из 24 600 активных изданий от 5000 издателей, который тщательно проверяется и отбирается.
6.	**SAGE Premier** SAGE Publishing http://journals.sagepub.com/	1093 журнала издательства по различным отраслям знаний с архивами
7.	WILEY https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/	1510 журналов издательства с архивами
8.	**Springer Nature** https://link.springer.com/	Коллекции журналов и книг на платформе https://link.springer.com/

5. Material and technical support

Technical equipment is necessary for this course. Computer, projector, Microsoft PowerPoint software are needed for both lectures and seminars. Students may need access to Internet.