

### Honours Course: Discipline Specific Core V

Semester	Three
Paper Number	HPSCR3051T
Paper Title	<b>Introduction to Comparative Government and Politics</b>
No. of Credits	6
Theory/Composite	Theory
No. of periodsassigned	Th: 5+1 Tutorial Pr:
Name of Faculty member(s)	
Course description/objective	This is a foundational course in comparative politics. The purpose is to familiarize students with the basic concepts and approaches to the study of comparative politics. More specifically the course will focus on examining politics in a historical framework while engaging with various themes of comparative analysis in developed and developing countries.
Syllabus	<p><b>Module I (40 Marks)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Comparative Politics: Development, scope and purpose; distinction with Comparative Government. ( 12 lectures)</li> <li>2. Methods of comparison. ( 6 lectures)</li> <li>3. Types of political systems: Liberal, Socialist and Authoritarian: Basic features. (8 lectures)</li> <li>4. Instruments of direct democracy: referendum, initiative, recall. ( 4 lectures)</li> </ol> <p><b>Module II (40 Marks)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Comparative Party Systems: USA, France and China. (8 lectures)</li> <li>6. Parliamentary and Presidential systems: comparative study of British, American and French practices. Conventions, Rule of Law, Separation of Powers and Judicial review. (12 lectures)</li> <li>7. Judicial systems and Rights of citizens (UK and USA); rights and duties of Chinese citizens. ( 10 lectures)</li> </ol>
Texts	
Reading/Reference Lists	<p>J. Kopstein, and M. Lichbach, (eds), (2005) <i>Comparative Politics: Interests, Identities, and Institutions in a Changing Global Order</i>. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp.1-5; 16-36; 253-290.</p> <p>A. Roy, (2001) 'Comparative Method and Strategies of Comparison', in <i>Punjab Journal of Politics</i>. Vol. xxv (2), pp. 1-15.</p> <p>J. Blondel, (1996) 'Then and Now: Comparative Politics', in</p>

	<p><i>Political Studies</i>. Vol. 47 (1), pp.152-160.</p> <p>N. Chandhoke, (1996) 'Limits of Comparative Political Analysis', in <i>Economic and Political Weekly</i>, Vol. 31 (4), January 27, pp. PE 2-PE2-PE8</p> <p>Rakhahari Chatterjee, Introduction to Comparative Political Analysis.</p> <p>A.H. Birch, British System of Government.</p> <p>Alan R. Ball and Guy Peters, Modern Politics &amp; Government.</p> <p>D. Olson, Legislative Institutions: A Comparative View.</p> <p>G. Almond et. al., Comparative Politics Today: A World View.</p> <p>G. Roberts, An Introduction to Comparative</p> <p>H. Eckstein and P. E. Apter (ed.), Comparative Politics : A Reader.</p> <p>J. Blondel, An Introduction to Comparative Government.</p> <p>J. Harvey and L. Bather, The British Constitution.</p> <p>J. T. Dreyer, China's Political System: Modernization &amp; Tradition.</p> <p>J. Wilson, American Government.</p> <p>Joel Krieger and William A. Joseph, Introduction to Comparative Politics.</p> <p>Judith Bara and Mark Pennington (ed.), Comparative Politics.</p> <p>R. Hague, M. Harrop and S. Breslin, Comparative Government and Politics: An Introduction.</p> <p>S. K. Dailey (ed.), American Politics and Government.</p> <p>S. N. Ray, Comparative Politics.</p>
Evaluation	<p>CIA: 20</p> <p>End-Sem: 80</p> <p><b>Short Notes:</b> 2 out of 3 of 5marks each (2x5=10)</p> <p><b>Essay Type:</b> 3 out of 4 (3X10= 30) (40 marks per module)</p> <p>40+40 (Module I + Module II= 80) (80+20 CIA=100)</p>