

**Hagerstown Community College
MASTER SYLLABUS**

COURSE: POL 206 – Comparative Politics, 3 Credits

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Eric Schwartz

SEMESTER/YEAR: Spring/2017

Time: Monday & Wednesday, 8:30 - 9:45 AM.

Room: BSH 102

COURSE DESCRIPTION: The course examines the field of comparative politics, encompassing both theoretical approaches and examinations of current political systems operating around the world. Students learn about the variety of ways that societies organize themselves politically, including both democratic and non-democratic institutions. The emphasis is on understanding the factors that operate in societies that encourage some forms of political organization over others.

TEXTBOOK: Clark, William Roberts; Matt Golder; Sona Nadenichek Golder, *Principles of Comparative Politics*, 2nd ed., 2014. Washington, D.C.: CQ Press

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES: Upon completion of the course, students will make analytical/synthesizing presentations that will be judged as competent by practitioners of comparative politics.

MINIMUM CLOCK HOURS REQUIRED FOR THIS COURSE:

	DIRECT Faculty Instruction In-class 37.5 h required	Student Work Out of Classroom 75 h required
In-class "lecture"	37.5 h	
Reading chapters		15 h
Quiz/activity for each chapter	Included in lecture time	10 h prep
Research project		30 h
2 lecture exams		10 h exam prep
Cumulative final exam	Included in lecture time	10 h exam prep
Total Hours	37.5 h	75 h

Services for Students with Disabilities: Students may receive reasonable accommodations if they have a diagnosed disability and present appropriate documentation. Students seeking accommodations are required to contact the Disability Support Services (DSS) office as early as possible. Students may contact a DSS staff member for an appointment at dss@hagerstowncc.edu or at 240-500-2530.