

COMPARATIVE, POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND SOCIAL SYSTEMS CONCENTRATION



DESCRIPTION

The Comparative Political, Economic, and Social Systems concentration focuses on the comparative analysis of a wide range of political, economic, and social issues within nations and across national borders. Key concerns include the variations in political regimes, how political institutions shape economic policy and practice, and state-society relations. The concentration enables students to develop deep knowledge of the histories, politics, economics, and social systems of specific countries.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Be familiar with key theories, concepts, and methodologies of comparative politics, with attention to economic and social policy issues.
- Understand the variations of political institutions and processes, economic organizations and behavior, and social structures and movements across countries and regions.
- Analyze how and why countries converge and/or diverge in their responses to comparable political, economic, and social challenges.
- Assess the effectiveness of domestic public policies regarding important political, economic, and societal issues and identify and evaluate different public policy options.

REQUIREMENTS

One of the following:

- PSC 2330 Comparative Politics of Western Europe
- PSC 2331 Comparative Politics of Central and Eastern Europe (Politics of Russia and Central and Eastern Europe)
- PSC 2331 Comparative Politics of Central and Eastern Europe
- PSC 2334 Global Perspectives on Democracy
- PSC 2336 State-Society Relations in the Developing World
- PSC 2337 Development Politics
- PSC 2338 Nationalism
- PSC 2339 Comparative Political Economy
- PSC 2369 Comparative Politics of South Asia
- PSC 2373 Comparative Politics of Southeast Asia
- PSC 2377 Comparative Politics of the Middle East
- PSC 2381 Comparative Politics of Sub-Saharan Africa
- PSC 2383 Comparative Politics of Latin America
- PSC 2993 Special Topics in Comparative Politics (Any offered topic)

And four supporting courses listed under this concentration in the Bulletin.

Resources:

- <https://bulletin.gwu.edu/international-affairs/undergraduate-programs/ba-international-affairs/comparative-political-economic-social-systems/>
- elliott.gwu.edu/undergraduate-academic-advising
- <https://careerservices.gwu.edu/career-option-sheets>
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