

WHAT'S THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN ...

COMPARATIVE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, & SOCIAL SYSTEMS



This 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.

CONTEMPORARY CULTURES & SOCIETIES



This concentration focuses on understanding the root causes of conflicts and how they escalate between nations and peoples, and considers local, national, regional, and international methods for resolving such conflicts. These methods include prevention, peacemaking, peacekeeping, and peacebuilding initiatives.

DISTINCTION

Comparative Politics, Economics, and Social Systems concentration courses tend to come from Political Science, Economics, and Sociology, and the concentration is explicitly comparative. In contrast, the main disciplinary pillar in Contemporary Cultures and Societies is Anthropology, and it takes more of a people-centered, rather than institution-centered, approach.



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