



University  
of Victoria

# POLI 210 Comparative Politics

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**Instructor Spring 2023:** Dr. Michelle Bonner

**Course delivery:** POLI 210 will be delivered on campus and face-to-face.

## **Course description:**

Comparative politics, one of the major sub-fields of political science, offers insights into the internal political dynamics of countries around the world, including the similarities and differences in how state institutions are structured and variation in political practices. We will examine basic concepts in comparative politics such as: regime types, human rights, media, elections, political parties, and social movements. We will also explore how such key political science concepts as democracy are manifested and practiced in different countries and how to make generalizations about the concept and practice of democracy. This course provides background for further studies in comparative politics at the 300 and 400-level.

**Prerequisites:** None

## **Course outcomes/objectives:**

- Explore the concepts and themes of comparative politics and understand how and why comparison is conducted
- Build critical thinking skills including the ability to analyze, synthesize, interpret and evaluate ideas, information, situations and texts
- Develop and practice academic writing skills
- Develop and practice research skills related to the discipline of political science

## **Topics may include:**

Democracy and Democratization  
States structures and opposition  
Political accountability and corruption

*This summary provides an overall sense of the course and is not an official course outline. Detailed course outlines will be available for all registered students on the first day of class.*