



TITLE OF THE COURSE:	Comparative Politics
Course code:	TPV 3001
Course group:	C
Faculty:	Faculty of Political Science and Diplomacy
Study program:	World Politics and Economy; International Politics and Development Studies
Level:	<i>Bachelor's</i>
Semester:	<i>Autumn</i>
ECTS credits:	6
Language of instruction	English
Course lecturer/s:	Prof. dr. Algis Krupavičius, assoc. prof. dr. Ligita Šarkutė
Short course description:	<p>The main aim of this course is to introduce and systemically discuss classical themes and topics of comparative politics including political culture and socialization, political recruitment, interest groups, political parties, government and policy-making. The second part of the course will analyze case studies of politics in developed, developing and transforming countries. Students will acquire basic knowledge of qualitative comparative analysis.</p>
Course content:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Object and schools of comparative politics.2. Comparative method and political science.3. Main concepts and issues of comparative politics: political system: structure and functions; political regime and political stability; the nation state; research models of state and politics: a) structural, b) institutional, c) actor-oriented; political legitimacy and efficiency.4. The social context of politics: political participation and political culture; voters and elections; interest groups; political parties.5. Governing institutions: legislature; executive power; courts; local and central bureaucracy.6. Public policy: the political process; institutions and



	ideology in public policy.
Grading and evaluating student work in class and/or at the final exam:	Midterm exam – 20 %, seminar presentation – 10 %, written report – 20 %, final exam – 50 % of final grade.
Required reading and additional study material	<p>Required reading:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Almond G. A., Powell G. B. Jr., Dalton R.J., Strom K. (eds.) (2014). Comparative Politics Today: A World View. Pearson.2. Caramani D. (ed.) (2013). Comparative Politics. Oxford University Press.3. Hague R., Harrop M. (eds.) (2013). Comparative Government and Politics. Palgrave/Macmillan.4. Hauss Ch. (2004). Comparative Politics - Domestic Responses to Global Challenges. Wadsworth.5. Krupavičius A., Isoda V., Vaišnoras T. (2013). Introduction to Comparative Politics. VDU.6. Landman T. (2008). Issues and methods in comparative politics: an introduction. Routledge.7. Lane J-E. (2010). Comparative Politics– The Principal-Agent Perspective. Routledge.8. Munck G.L., Snyder R. (2007). Passion, Craft, and Method in Comparative Politics. The Johns Hopkins University Press.9. Newton K., Deth van J. (2010). Foundations of Comparative Politics. Cambridge University Press. <p>Additional study material:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Barnes S, Kaase M. (1979). Political Action: Mass Participation in Five Western Democracies. Sage.2. Berglund S. et al (1998). Handbook of Political Change in Eastern Europe. Edgar Elgar.3. Boix, Carles and Susan Stokes. (Eds.) (2007). The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Politics. Oxford University Press.4. Broughton D., Donovan M. (ed.) (1999) Changing Party Systems in Western Europe. Pinter.5. Castles F. G. (1998) Comparative Public Policy. Edward Elgar.6. Dalton R. (1996). Citizen Politics. Chatham



	<p>House.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">7. Delanty G. (1995). <i>Inventing Europe</i>. Palgrave Macmillan.8. Fields K., O'Neil P. and Sher D. (2006). <i>Cases in Comparative Politics</i>. 2nd Ed. W.W.Norton & Co.9. Graeber D. (2015). <i>The Utopia of Rules</i>. Melville House.10. Held D. (1987) <i>Models of Democracy</i>. Polity.11. LaPalombora J. (1974). <i>Politics within Nations</i>. Yale University Press.12. Lijphart A. (1999). <i>Patterns of Democracy</i>. Yale University Press.
<p><i>Additional information (if applicable)</i></p>	<p>-</p>