

**Northwest Arkansas Community College**  
(Social & Behavioral Sciences Division)

**Discipline Code**

PLSC

**Course Number**

2403H

**Course Title**

Intro to Comparative Politics, Honors

**Catalog Description**

A study of the various political systems of the world, such as the governments of Western Socialist or Communist Systems and developing world governments. The countries under examination are offered to address important real-world circumstances. This is an honors course. Please refer to the NWACC Honors Program section in the current catalog for more information.

**Prerequisites**

None

**Credit Hours**

3 credit hours

**Contact hours**

45 contact hours

**Load hours**

3 load hours

**Semesters Offered**

Spring

**ACTS Equivalent**

N/A

**Grade Mode**

A-F

**Learning Outcomes**

Students will:

- Explain why states develop distinct types of governments and policies within different contexts

- Differentiate theoretical approaches and frameworks with the subfield of Comparative Politics.
- Identify different types of regimes and economies throughout the world.
- Define different political cultures throughout the world.
- Evaluate the processes of violent and nonviolent political change throughout the world.

## Honors Outcomes

Honors classes (and the Honors Program) promote the following core values:

**Community** *students will demonstrate civic engagement through Service Learning and exploration of local, national, and global communities.*

**Curiosity** *students will cultivate personal and intellectual curiosity through investigation, discussion, and scholarship.*

**Diversity** *students will explore multiple perspectives through interdisciplinary learning.*

## General Education Outcomes Supported

- Students develop higher order thinking skills.

## Standard Practices Topics list

- Comparative Method
- States
- Nationalism
- Political Culture
- Political Economy
- Democratic Regimes
- Nondemocratic Regimes
- Developing Countries
- Developed Countries
- Violent and Nonviolent Revolutions
- Terrorism
- Supernational and International Organizations
- Globalization

### Learning activities

- N/A

### Assessments

- N/A

## Grading guidelines

- N/A