

# COURSE DETAIL

## COMPARATIVE POLITICS

**Country**

New Zealand

**Host Institution**

University of Otago

**Program(s)**

University of Otago

**UCEAP Course Level**

Lower Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Political Science

**UCEAP Course Number**

20

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

COMPARATIVE POLITICS

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

COMPARATIVE POLITICS

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

7.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

4.70

## Course Description

This course explores how political institutions and processes function across a range of countries. It introduces the comparative method and considers ways of conceptualizing political systems and understanding the functions of their key institutions. The course introduces comparative politics and provides a foundation for understanding how politics operates in various countries. Topics include an introduction to the state and nation, forms of government, theoretical approaches and methods in comparative politics, the institutional framework in which politics happens, the relationship between the different branches of government, the ways in which people participate in politics, how politics is communicated through the media, political parties and interest groups, voting and elections, and how policies are made.

## Language(s) of Instruction

English

## Host Institution Course Number

POLS105

## Host Institution Course Title

COMPARATIVE POLITICS

## Host Institution Campus

Otago

## Host Institution Faculty

## Host Institution Degree

## Host Institution Department

Political Science

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