

# COURSE DETAIL

## COMPARATIVE POLITICS A

**Country**

Ireland

**Host Institution**

Trinity College Dublin

**Program(s)**

Trinity College Dublin

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Political Science

**UCEAP Course Number**

122

**UCEAP Course Suffix**

A

**UCEAP Official Title**

COMPARATIVE POLITICS A

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

COMP POLITICS A

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

4.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

2.70

### **Course Description**

The course is an introduction to the study of comparative politics and provides an overview of some of the key theoretical frameworks, concepts, and analytical methods of this field of study. We study democratic political systems with a view to understanding and explaining their differences and similarities with respect to their political institutions, the behaviour of their key political actors, and their policymaking processes and performance. The course examines the building blocks of the comparative approach. We describe, explain and examine the consequences of different political institutions, with a focus on established democracies, including executive-legislative relations, electoral systems, and strong judiciaries.

### **Language(s) of Instruction**

English

### **Host Institution Course Number**

POU22031

### **Host Institution Course Title**

COMPARATIVE POLITICS A

### **Host Institution Campus**

Trinity College Dublin

### **Host Institution Faculty**

### **Host Institution Degree**

### **Host Institution Department**

Political Science

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