

Subject Description Form

Subject Code	APSS113			
Subject Title	Introduction to Politics			
Credit Value	3			
Level	1			
Pre-requisite / Co-requisite/ Exclusion	Nil			
Assessment Methods	100%	Continuous Assessment	Individual Assessment	Group Assessment
	1.	Written Assignment	40%	--
	2.	Presentation & Participation	30%	--
	3.	Quiz	30%	--
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The grade is calculated according to the percentage assigned; • The completion and submission of all component assignments are required for passing the subject; and • Student must pass the quiz with at least grade D if he/she is to pass the subject. 			
Objectives	<p>The subject aims to enable students to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. acquire an understanding of the basic political concepts and processes that affect society; 2. develop their analytical skills in understanding political issues and political ideologies; 3. enhance their political awareness in a “shrinking” world. 			
Intended Learning Outcomes	<p>Upon completion of the subject, students will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. apply the basic political concepts and theories to analyze political issues and debates; b. reflect upon the political ideologies underlying society with a critical stance; c. assess the trend and political consequences of globalization. 			

Subject Synopsis/ Indicative Syllabus	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction – the study of politics & political science 2. Key concepts – power, state, nation, civil society 3. Political ideologies 4. Nature and role of government 5. Democracy – theory and practice 6. Elections, political parties, interest groups, and public opinion 7. Political culture and political socialization 8. International politics and globalization 																																																				
Teaching/Learning Methodology	<p>Lectures and seminars are employed to facilitate students’ learning of the subject. The lectures introduce students to the major political concepts and theories. The instructors also demonstrate the basic skills of conceptual analysis and critical inquiry. In the seminars, students are encouraged to discuss and analyze various social and political issues with reference to those concepts and skills they have learnt.</p>																																																				
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Medium of Instruction	English supplemented with Chinese
Medium of Assessment	English
Reading List and References	<p><u>Essential</u></p> <p>Grigsby, E. (2012). <i>Analysing politics: An introduction to political science</i> (5th ed.). Belmont, CA: Wadsworth.</p> <p>Heywood, A. (2013). <i>Politics</i> (3rd ed.). Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.</p> <p><u>Supplementary</u></p> <p>Brodie, J., & Rein, S. (Eds.). (2009). <i>Critical concepts: An introduction to politics</i> (4th ed.). Toronto, ON: Pearson/Prentice Hall.</p> <p>Dyck, R. (2009). <i>Studying politics: An introduction to political science</i> (3rd ed.). Toronto, ON: Thomson/Nelson Education.</p> <p>Ethridge, M. E., & Handelman, H. (Eds.) (2013). <i>Politics in a changing world: A comparative introduction to political science</i> (6th ed.). Boston, MA: Wadsworth.</p> <p>Kesselman, M., Krieger, J., & Joseph, W.A. (2010). <i>Introduction to comparative politics: Political challenges and changing agendas</i> (5th ed.). Boston, MA: Wadsworth.</p> <p>Magstadt, T. M. (2013). <i>Understanding politics: Ideas, institutions, and issues</i> (10th ed.). Belmont, CA: Wadsworth/ Cengage Learning.</p> <p>O' Neil, P. H. (2010). <i>Essentials of comparative politics</i> (3rd ed.). New York, NY: W.W. Norton & Company.</p> <p>Roskin, M.G., Cord, R.L., Medeiros, J.A., & Jones, W.S. (2014). <i>Political science: An introduction</i> (13th ed.). Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson Longman.</p> <p>Shively, W.P. (2012). <i>Power and choice: An introduction to political science</i> (13th ed.). New York, NY: McGraw-Hill.</p>