COMPARATIVE POLITICS FIELD CURRICULUM

The Comparative Politics field investigates politics by comparing its elements across different contexts. These elements include governing institutions, individual behavior and processes.

The UC Irvine Department of Political Science’s five-course Comparative Politics curriculum introduces students to these various substantive foci and methodological tools, with the primary objective of preparing students to execute sophisticated original research within the realm of Comparative Politics.

1. All CP students must complete two required courses:
   • Research Design (includes some or all of the following: comparative concepts, operationalization, data collection, case study, typological theorizing)
   • Comparative Politics Field Seminar (designated by the field chair and offered each year)

2. CP students must take at least three elective courses chosen from among (but not limited to) the following:

   Citizenship in Developing Countries  Public Choice
   Comparative Constitutional Politics  Public Law
   Comparative Public Law              Regime Change in East Asia
   Dictatorship and Democracy          Southeast Asian Politics
   Immigration and Citizenship in      State Formation
   Advanced Democracies               Survey Research Design
   Introduction to Game Theory         US in Comparative Perspective
   Nations: From Citizens to Immigrants Violence
   Political Economy of Development    Voting and Elections
   Political Participation             Weak States
   Politics of Advanced Industrial     
   Democracies

The Comparative Politics Field Coordinator will answer any questions, resolve disputes, and/or grant waivers as needed.