

COMPARATIVE POLITICS FIELD CURRICULUM

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

In addition to the eclectic substantive interests, the Comparative Politics field is distinguished by its methodological diversity. Familiar approaches include rational choice models, historical institutionalism, process tracing, randomized experiments, survey research, qualitative case studies, mixed methods approaches, game theoretic approaches, Bayesian analysis, and large-N econometrics. Developing research skills is therefore critical for anyone hoping to engage the comparative politics literature.

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 take the following "required courses:"

--*Research Design* (includes logic of inquiry, and some or all of the following: comparative concepts, operationalization, data collection, cases, typological theorizing, methods)

--*Introduction to Comparative Political Behavior* (includes voting, participation, public opinion, elections and feature "classics," old and new)

--*Introduction to Comparative Politics Institutions* (features standard "classics" on politics at macro level, old and new)

2. CP students must take at least two "elective courses" chosen from among the following*:

<i>Political Participation</i>	<i>Political Culture and Democracy</i>
<i>Public Choice</i>	<i>Citizenship Politics</i>
<i>Public Law</i>	<i>Politics of Advanced Industrial Democracies</i>
<i>Comparative Public Law</i>	<i>Citizenship in Developing Countries</i>
<i>Human Rights</i>	<i>State in Comparative Perspective</i>
<i>New and Old Democracies</i>	<i>Voting and Elections</i>
<i>Qualitative Methods</i>	<i>Latin American Politics</i>
<i>Citizenship</i>	<i>Southeast Asian Politics</i>
<i>Logical Models in the Social Sciences</i>	<i>E. Asia Political Economy</i>
<i>Comparative Constitutional Politics</i>	<i>Regime Change in East Asia</i>
<i>Comparative Judicial Politics</i>	<i>US in Comparative Perspective</i>
<i>Introduction to Game Theory</i>	<i>Introduction to Voting Theory</i>

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