

Politics for University Study

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TEXTBOOKS AND ONLINE RESOURCES: (26 items)

A substantial part of the course is structured around one main textbook. The Templeman Library holds many copies of it, but you might want to consider purchasing one for yourself. The book is: (1 items)

Politics, by Heywood, Andrew, 2007

[Book](#) | Core (Must Read) | Recommended for purchase

In addition to this main textbook, the following are good introductory books which appear a number of times in the weekly reading list: (3 items)

Politics: an introduction, by Axford, Barrie, 2002

[Book](#) | Core (Must Read)

The globalization of world politics: an introduction to international relations, by Baylis, John; Smith, Steve; Owens, Patricia, 2008

[Book](#) | Core (Must Read)

World politics: trend and transformation, by Kegley, Charles W., c2009

[Book](#) | Core (Must Read)

There are also plenty of online news resources and other online sources of information on politics. The quality differs widely, as do the ideological standpoints. You are encouraged to search and browse a variety of such resources, including for instance: (14 items)

Al Jazeera

[Website](#)

BBC News

[Website](#)

Indymedia UK

[Website](#)

Newsweek

[Website](#)

CIA - World Factbook

Webpage

The Economist website

Website

Guardian

Website

The Independent

Website

The New Statesman

Website

The Spectator

Website

Telegraph

Website

Times

Webpage

The UK Parliament's website

Website

Zmag

Webpage

Also very helpful are various textbook "companion" websites, online portals and online resources specifically designed for the study of politics, including for instance: (8 items)

The Companion Website to Axford et al, 'Politics: An Introduction'

Webpage

The Companion Website to Budge et al, 'The New British Politics'

Webpage

The Companion Website to Moran, 'Politics and Governance in the UK'

Webpage

The Companion Website to Roskin, 'Countries and Concepts: Politics, Geography, Culture'

Webpage

The Companion Website to Roskin et al, 'Political Science: An Introduction'

Webpage

The Political Studies Association's "Politics Portal"

Webpage

Political Resources on the Net

Webpage

Richard Kimber's Political Science Resources

Website

WEEKLY READING: (149 items)

Week 1: Introductions (1 items)

Key Reading: (1 items)

Allegory of the cave - in The Republic, 2003

Chapter | Core (Must Read)

Week 2: What is Politics? Key Definitions and Concepts (6 items)

Key Reading: (1 items)

Politics, by Heywood, Andrew, 2007

Book | Core (Must Read) | Chapter 1: 'What is Politics?'

Further Reading: (5 items)

Politics: an introduction, by Axford, Barrie, 2002

Book | Introduction

Comparative government and politics: an introduction, by Hague, Rod; Harrop, Martin, 2007

Book | Chapter 1: 'Politics and Government'

Key concepts in politics, by Heywood, Andrew, 2000

Book | Chapter 1: 'Uses and Abuses of Political Concepts', and Chapter 2: 'Basic Concepts'

Government and politics in Britain: an introduction, by Kingdom, John E., 2003

Book | Chapter 1: 'Studying Politics'

Thinking Politically: On the Politics of Politics - in What is politics?: the activity and its study, by Leftwich, A., 2004

Chapter | Previous edition also held in Library

Week 3: Classifying Political Systems and Regimes (7 items)

Key Reading: (1 items)

Politics, by Heywood, Andrew, 2007

[Book](#) | **Core (Must Read)** | Chapter 2: 'Governments, Systems, and Regimes'

Further Reading: (5 items)

Comparative politics today: a world view, by Almond, Gabriel A., 2006

[Book](#) | Especially Chapter 2: 'Comparing Political Systems', and Part 3: 'Country Studies'

Comparative government: an introduction, by Blondel, Jean, 1995

[Book](#) | Chapter 3: 'Types of Political Systems'

Comparative politics: an introduction, by Calvert, Peter, 2002

[Book](#) | Especially Chapter 2: 'Democracy and Its Rivals'

Comparative government and politics: an introduction, by Hague, Rod; Harrop, Martin, 2007

[Book](#) | Especially Chapter 5: 'The Comparative Approach'

Issues and methods in comparative politics: an introduction, by Landman, Todd, 2003

[Book](#) | Part 1: 'Why, How, and Problems of Comparison'

Online Resources: (1 items)

Dictionary of Comparative Politics

[Webpage](#)

Week 4: Introduction to Political Ideologies (8 items)

Key Reading: (1 items)

Politics, by Heywood, Andrew, 2007

[Book](#) | **Core (Must Read)** | Chapter 3: 'Political Ideologies'

Further Reading: (5 items)

Political Ideologies - in *Politics: an introduction*, by Browning; G.K., 2002

[Chapter](#)

The End of History? - in *The national interest*, by Fukuyama; F., 1989

[Article](#)

Key concepts in politics, by Heywood, Andrew, 2000

[Book](#) | Chapter 3: 'Ideologies'

Political ideologies: an introduction, by Heywood, Andrew, 2007

[Book](#)

Introduction to political theory, by Hoffman, John; Graham, Paul, 2006

[Book](#)

| Part 2: 'Classical Ideologies' (especially pp. 154-161: 'What is Ideology'), Part 3: 'Contemporary Ideologies'

Online Resources: (2 items)

The Keele Guide to Political Thought and Ideology on the Internet

[Webpage](#)

The Political Compass

[Website](#)

Week 5: Democracy and Democracies (8 items)

Key Reading: (1 items)

Politics, by Heywood, Andrew, 2007

[Book](#)

| **Core (Must Read)** | Chapter 4: 'Democracy'

Further Reading: (5 items)

Politics: an introduction, by Axford, Barrie, 2002

[Book](#)

| Chapter 5: 'Democracy and Democratisation'

Democracy: A very short introduction, by Crick, Bernard, 2002

[Book](#)

Comparative government and politics: an introduction, by Hague, Rod; Harrop, Martin, 2007

[Book](#)

| Chapter 3: 'Democracy'

Introduction to politics, by Ponton, Geoffrey; Gill, Peter, 1993

[Book](#)

| Chapter 6: 'Models of Democracy (1): Alternatives', Chapter 7: 'Models of Democracy (2): The Debate'

Why politics matters: making democracy work, by Stoker, Gerry, c2006

[Book](#)

Online Resources: (2 items)

The Comparative Democratization Project

[Website](#)

The Freedom House website

[Webpage](#)

Week 6: TUTORIAL WEEK - tutorials to be arranged

Week 7: The Machinery of Government (6 items)

Key Reading: (1 items)

The Machinery of Government - in Politics: an introduction, by Huggins; R., 2002

[Chapter](#) | Core (Must Read)

Further Reading: (5 items)

Comparative politics today: a world view, by Almond, Gabriel A., 2006

[Book](#) | Chapter 6: 'Government and Policymaking'

Comparative politics: an introduction, by Calvert, Peter, 2002

[Book](#) | Part 3: 'Demands, Support and Decision-Making'

Politics, by Heywood, Andrew, 2007

[Book](#) | Part 4: 'Machinery of Government' (i.e. Chapters 14 to 18, especially 15 to 17)

Parliamentary versus presidential government, by Lijphart, Arend, 1992

[Book](#)

Government and Politics - in Contemporary Europe, by Saalfeld; T., 2006

[Chapter](#)

Week 8: The Economy and Society (7 items)

Key Reading: (1 items)

Politics, by Heywood, Andrew, 2007

[Book](#) | Core (Must Read) | Chapter 9: 'The Economy and Society'

Further Reading: (5 items)

Comparative politics: an introduction, by Calvert, Peter, 2002

[Book](#) | Chapter 5: 'The Economic Sources of Power'

Contemporary British politics, by Coxall, William Norman; Robins, L. J.; Leach, Robert, 2003

[Book](#) | Chapter 2: 'Economy, Society and Politics'

Government and politics in Britain: an introduction, by Kingdom, John E., 2003

[Book](#) | Chapter 7: 'The Social Context: Our Divided Society'

Politics and governance in the UK, by Moran, Michael, 2005

[Book](#) | Chapter 3: 'Economy and Society'

Introduction to politics, by Ponton, Geoffrey; Gill, Peter, 1993

[Book](#) | Chapter 11: 'The Economic and Social Context of Politics'

Online Resources: (1 items)

CorpWatch: holding corporations accountable

[Webpage](#)

Week 9: Political Culture and the Media (9 items)

Key Reading: (1 items)

Politics, by Heywood, Andrew, 2007

[Book](#) | **Core (Must Read)** | Chapter 10: 'Political Culture, Communication and Legitimacy'

Further Reading: (6 items)

Comparative politics today: a world view, by Almond, Gabriel A., 2006

[Book](#) | Chapter 3: 'Political Culture and Political Socialization'

Political Culture - in *Politics: an introduction*, by Rosamund; B., 2002

[Chapter](#)

Political Communication and the Media - in *Politics: an introduction*, by Huggins; R., 2002

[Chapter](#)

Comparative government and politics: an introduction, by Rod Hague; Martin Harrop; John McCormick, 2016

[Book](#) | Chapter 6: 'Political Culture', Chapter 7: 'Political Communication'

Politics: an introduction to the modern democratic state, by Johnston, Lawrence Walker, 2000

[Book](#) | Chapter 6: 'Political Culture'

Government and politics in Britain: an introduction, by Kingdom, John E., 2003

[Book](#) | Chapter 8: 'Mind Politics: What We Think'

Online Resources: (2 items)

The Global Media Monitor

[Webpage](#)

Media Channel: as the media watch the world we watch the media

[Website](#)

Week 10: Representation and Voting (8 items)

Key Reading: (1 items)

Politics, by Heywood, Andrew, 2007

[Book](#) | **Core (Must Read)** | Chapter 11: 'Representation, Elections and Voting', Chapter 12: 'Parties and Party Systems'

Further Reading: (5 items)

Comparative politics today: a world view, by Almond, Gabriel A., 2006

[Book](#) | Chapter 5: 'Interest Aggregation and Political Parties'

Politics: an introduction, by Axford, Barrie, 2002

[Book](#) | Chapter 11: 'Parties, Interest Groups and Public Opinion'

Electoral systems: a comparative introduction, by Farrell, David M.; Farrell, David M., 2001

[Book](#)

Comparative government and politics: an introduction, by Rod Hague; Martin Harrop; John McCormick, 2016

[Book](#) | Chapter 9: 'Elections and Voters', Chapter 10: 'Interest Groups', Chapter 11: 'Political Parties'

Politics: an introduction to the modern democratic state, by Johnston, Lawrence Walker, 2000

[Book](#) | Chapter 13: 'Electoral Systems and Party Systems', Chapter 14: 'Parties, Organized Groups, and Direct Democracy'

Online Resources: (2 items)

The 'Elections and Electoral Systems Around the World' pages in Richard Kimber's Political Science Resources

[Webpage](#)

The 'Political Parties' pages in Richard Kimber's Political Science Resources

[Webpage](#)

Week 11: Subnational Politics (8 items)

Key Reading: (1 items)

Politics, by Heywood, Andrew, 2007

[Book](#) | **Core (Must Read)** | Chapter 8: 'Subnational Politics'

Further Reading: (5 items)

Local Governance: Politics Below the Nation State - in Politics: an introduction, by Grant; A., 2002

[Chapter](#)

Comparative government: an introduction, by Blondel, Jean, 1995

[Book](#) | Chapter 14: 'Centralization and Decentralization'

Representative government in modern Europe, by Gallagher Michael; Mair, Peter; Laver, Michael, c2006 [i.e. 2005]

[Book](#) | Chapter 6: 'Levels of Governance'

Comparative government and politics: an introduction, by Hague, Rod; Harrop, Martin, 2007

[Book](#) | Chapter 13: 'Federal, Unitary and Local Government'

Introduction to politics, by Ponton, Geoffrey; Gill, Peter, 1993

[Book](#) | Chapter 23: 'Local Politics'

Online Resources: (2 items)

The 'Oultwood' website on local government

[Website](#)

The 'Local and Regional Government' pages in Richard Kimber's Political Science Resources

[Webpage](#)

Week 12: CLASS TEST

Week 13: States, Nations and Nationalism (9 items)

Key Reading: (1 items)

Politics, by Heywood, Andrew, 2007

[Book](#) | **Core (Must Read)** | Chapter 5: 'The State', Chapter 6: 'Nations and Nationalism'

Further Reading: (6 items)

Imagined communities: reflections on the origin and spread of nationalism, by Anderson, Benedict R. O'G., 1991

[Book](#)

Leo Tolstoy on the State: A Detailed Picture of Tolstoy's Denunciation of State Violence and Deception - in Anarchist studies, by Christoyannopoulos; A., 2008

[Article](#)

Nations and nationalism, by Gellner, Ernest, 1983

[Book](#)

Comparative government and politics: an introduction, by Rod Hague; Martin Harrop; John McCormick, 2016

[Book](#) | Chapter 2: 'The State in a Global Context'

Comparative politics: a global introduction, by Sodaro, Michael J.; Collinwood, Dean Walter, c2008

[Book](#) | Chapter 6: 'States and Nations: Nationalism - Nation-Building - Supranationalism'

States and Statehood - in Issues in world politics, by Webber; M., 2005

[Chapter](#)

Online Resources: (2 items)

The Nationalism Project

[Website](#)

Nations, States and Politics

[Webpage](#) | page devoted to politics and the study of political theory, especially as concerns nations and nationalism

Week 14: Introduction to World Politics (10 items)

Key Reading: (1 items)

World politics: trend and transformation, by Kegley, Charles W., c2009

[Book](#) | **Core (Must Read)** | Chapter 2: 'Theories of World Politics'

Further Reading: (5 items)

Politics and Governance Above the Territorial State - in Politics: an introduction, by Rosamund; B., 2002

[Chapter](#)

The globalization of world politics: an introduction to international relations, by Baylis, John; Smith, Steve; Owens, Patricia, 2008

[Book](#) | 'Introduction' by S. Smith and J. Baylis, Part 2: 'Theories of World Politics'

Understanding international relations, by Brown, Chris; Ainley, Kirsten, 2009

[Book](#) | Especially Chapter 1: 'Introduction: Defining International Relations', Chapter 2: 'The Development of International Relations Theory in the Twentieth Century', and Chapter 3: 'International Relations Theory Today'

International relations: a concise introduction, by Nicholson, Michael, 2002

[Book](#) | Especially Chapter 6: 'Theories of International Relations'

Issues in world politics, by White, Brian; Little, Richard; Smith, Michael, 2005

[Book](#) | Chapter 1: 'Issues in World Politics'

Online Resources: (4 items)

The WWW Virtual Library: International Affairs Resources

[Webpage](#)

The 'International Relations' pages in Richard Kimber's Political Science Resources

[Webpage](#)

International Relations Theory

[Webpage](#)

The Revolutionist's realist, by Wilson; P., 2000

[Website](#)

Week 15: Twentieth Century International History (7 items)

Key Reading: (1 items)

World politics: trend and transformation, by Kegley, Charles W., c2009

[Book](#) | Core (Must Read) | Chapter 4: 'Great-Power Rivalries and Relations'

Further Reading: (5 items)

The globalization of world politics: an introduction to international relations, by Baylis, John; Smith, Steve; Owens, Patricia, 2008

[Book](#) | Part 1: 'The Historical Context'

Age of extremes: the short twentieth century, 1914-1991, by Hobsbawm, E. J., 1994

[Book](#)

Dark continent: Europe's twentieth century, by Mazower, Mark, 1998

[Book](#)

Twentieth century: the history of the world, 1901 to the present, by Roberts, J. M., 1999

[Book](#)

A history in fragments: Europe in the twentieth century, by Vinen, Richard, 2002

[Book](#)

Online Resources: (1 items)

'Twentieth Century Documents' at The Avalon Project at Yale Law School

[Webpage](#)

Week 16: Globalisation and Its Impact (8 items)

Key Reading: (2 items)

Introduction - in The globalization of world politics: an introduction to international relations, by Smith; S.; Baylis; J., 2008

[Chapter](#) | **Core (Must Read)**

Globalization and Global Politics - in The globalization of world politics: an introduction to international relations, by McGrew; A., 2008

[Chapter](#) | **Core (Must Read)**

Further Reading: (5 items)

The Processes of Globalisation - in Politics: an introduction, by Axford; B., 2002

[Chapter](#)

Comparative politics: an introduction, by Calvert, Peter, 2002

[Book](#) | Chapter 3: 'The Global Environment'

Politics, by Heywood, Andrew, 2007

[Book](#) | Chapter 7: 'Global Politics'

World politics: trend and transformation, by Kegley, Charles W., c2009

[Book](#) | Chapter 8: 'Globalization and the Prospects for Global Governance', Chapter 9: 'Money and Markets in the Global Political Economy'

International relations: a concise introduction, by Nicholson, Michael, 2002

[Book](#) | Chapter 3: 'Beyond the State: Non-State Actors in the Modern World', Chapter 10: 'Globalization'

Online Resources: (1 items)

The Globalization Website

[Webpage](#)

Week 17: The European Union (8 items)

Key Reading: (1 items)

Politics and Governance Above the Territorial State - in Politics: an introduction, by Rosamund; B., 2002

[Chapter](#) | **Core (Must Read)** | Also pp. 498-511 on 'Breaking the Mould of International Relations?: The European Union'

Further Reading: (5 items)

European and Regional Integration - in The globalization of world politics: an introduction to international relations, by Christiansen; T., 2008

[Chapter](#)

The EU's Institutions - in The European Union: how does it work?, by Cram; L.; Martin; D., 2003

[Chapter](#) | Also Chapter 6: 'Key Policies'

Representative government in modern Europe, by Gallagher Michael; Mair, Peter; Laver, Michael, c2006 [i.e. 2005]

[Book](#) | Chapter 5: 'The European Union and Representative Government'

Understanding the European Union: a concise introduction, by McCormick, John, 2008

[Book](#)

European Union: the basics, by Warleigh, Alex, 2004

[Book](#)

Online Resources: (2 items)

The European Research Papers Archive

[Webpage](#)

The European Union Website

[Website](#)

Week 18: TUTORIAL WEEK - tutorials to be arranged

Week 19: The Politics of Development: Colonialism and the North-South Divide (7 items)

Key Reading: (1 items)

World politics: trend and transformation, by Kegley, Charles W., c2009

[Book](#) | **Core (Must Read)** | Chapter 5: 'The Global South in a World of Powers'

Further Reading: (5 items)

Poverty, Development, and Hunger - in The globalization of world politics: an introduction to international relations, by Thomas; C., 2008

[Chapter](#)

The companion to development studies, by Desai, Vandana; Potter, Robert B., 2002

[Book](#)

Multilateralism and the Non-Aligned Movement: What Is the Global South Doing and Where Is It Going? - in Global governance, by Morphet; S., 2004

[Article](#)

The new development politics: the age of empire building and new social movements, by Petras, James F., c2003

[Book](#)

Understanding development: theory and practice in the third world, by Rapley, John, 1996

[Book](#)

Online Resources: (1 items)

United Nations Development Programme

[Website](#)

Week 20: American Empire and the Age on Terror (9 items)

Key Reading: (1 items)

The New Geopolitics, by Klare; M., 2003

[Journal](#) | Core (Must Read)

Further Reading: (6 items)

Terrorism and Globalization - in The globalization of world politics: an introduction to international relations, by Kiras; D., 2008

[Chapter](#)

Understanding international relations, by Brown, Chris; Ainley, Kirsten, 2009

[Book](#) | Chapter 12: 'US Hegemony and World Order'

Turning the Other Cheek to Terrorism: Reflections on the Contemporary Significance of Leo Tolstoy's Exegesis of the Sermon on the Mount - in Politics and religion, by Christoyannopoulos; A., 2008

[Article](#)

Pirates and emperors, old and new: international terrorism in the real world, by Chomsky, Noam, 2002

[Book](#)

Introduction to political theory, by Hoffman, John; Graham, Paul, 2006

[Book](#) | Chapter 20: 'Terrorism'

Terrorism - in Issues in world politics, by Dunne; T., 2005

[Chapter](#)

Online Resources: (2 items)

The September 11 Archive

[Website](#)

Terrorism Research Center

[Website](#)

Week 21: Ethics and Politics (8 items)

Key Reading: (1 items)

World politics: trend and transformation, by Kegley, Charles W., c2009

[Book](#) | **Core (Must Read)** | Chapter 7: 'Humanitarian Challenges and the Protection of Human Rights'

Further Reading: (5 items)

Humanitarian Intervention and World Politics - in The globalization of world politics: an introduction to international relations, by Wheeler; N.J.; Bellamy; A.J., 2008

[Chapter](#)

A Turn not Taken: Ethics in IR at the Millennium - in Review of international studies, by Frost; M., 1998

[Article](#)

Traditions of international ethics, by Nardin, Terry; Mapel, David R, 1992

[Book](#)

Ethics & international affairs: a reader, by Rosenthal, Joel H.; Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs, 1999

[Book](#) | Especially pp. 1-49

Ethics in international affairs: theories and cases, by Valls, Andrew, 2000

[Book](#)

Online Resources: (2 items)

Amnesty International

[Website](#)

'Human Rights Library' at the University of Minnesota

[Webpage](#)

Week 22: Religion and Politics (6 items)

Key Reading: (1 items)

The Politics of God, by Lilla; M., 2007

[Journal](#) | **Core (Must Read)**

Further Reading: (5 items)

A Fire Strong Enough to Consume the House: The Wars of Religion and the Rise of the State - in Modern theology, by Cavanaugh; W.T., 1995

[Article](#)

Is There an Islamic Conception of Politics? - in What is politics?: the activity and its study, by Ismail; S., 1984

[Chapter](#)

Introduction to international relations and religion, by Haynes, Jeffrey, 2007

[Book](#)

Political Christianity: A Reader, by McLellan; D. (ed.), 1997

[Document](#)

Religion - in Issues in world politics, by Haynes; J., 2005

[Chapter](#)

Week 23: Dissent, Civil Disobedience and Revolution (9 items)

Key Reading: (1 items)

Introduction to political theory, by Hoffman, John; Graham, Paul, 2006

[Book](#) | **Core (Must Read)** | Chapter 19: 'Civil Disobedience'

Further Reading: (5 items)

Civil Disobedience - in Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy, by Bownlee; K.

[Article](#)

Comparative politics: an introduction, by Calvert, Peter, 2002

[Book](#) | Part 4: 'System Maintenance and Political Change', especially Chapter 11: 'Violence and Political Change'

Representing resistance: media, civil disobedience, and the Global Justice Movement, by Opel, Andy; Pompper, Donnalyn, 2003

[Book](#)

Revolution in history; edited by R Porter and M Teich, by Porter, R., 1986

[Book](#)

Civil Disobedience, by Thoreau; H.

[Webpage](#)

Online Resources: (3 items)

The 'Political Platforms' pages in Richard Kimber's Political Science Resources

Webpage

The Protest Net

Website

Undercurrents: 'the news you don't see on the news'

Website

Week 24: CLASS TEST

Week 25: Review of the Course: What Difference Can Individuals Make?

Week 26: Revisions

Week 27-30: EXAM (precise date to be confirmed)