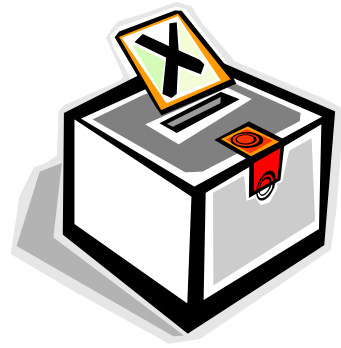


Comparative Politics (GL 261)

Test Terms – Introducing Comparative Politics (Chapter 1) and the United States (Chapter 7)



Each test will consist of a mix of objective questions **drawn from both the lectures and reading** for the week. The following list will offer you significant guidance in studying for this exam. Keep in mind that this is a *guide*, not as an exhaustive list, although I have tried to be thorough. All material from the course is fair game. For each term/concept you should understand both what it is and why it is significant.

INTRODUCING COMPARATIVE POLITICS:

“End of History” (Francis Fukuyama)	Comparative Politics
Middle-level Theory	State, Nation, and Nation-State
Weak State v. Strong State	Globalization
Legitimacy	(Socio-Economic) Class
Constitution	Duverger’s Law
Responsible Party Model	Political Culture
Political Economy	(Causal) Theories
Hypothesis	Ethnicity and Race
Multicausality	Purchasing Power Parity (PPP)
Cross-Cutting & Polarizing Cleavages	Gross Domestic Product (GDP)
Rational Choice	Sustainable Development
Human Development Index	Consolidated v Transitional Democracies

THE UNITED STATES:

Articles of Confederation	Separation of Powers
Checks and Balances	Federalism
Seven Years War	Electoral College
American Exceptionalism	“American Creed” (Political Culture)
<i>Marbury v. Madison</i>	US as a “Weak State”
Divided Government & Gridlock	Redistributive Policies
Free markets (<i>laissez-faire</i>)	Single-member plurality electoral system