

Comparative Politics (GL 261)

Test Terms – Germany (Chapter 4)



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.

GERMANY:

Otto von Bismarck	Junkers
'Marriage of Iron and Rye'	Imperial/Wilhelmine Germany (2 nd Reich)
Weimar Republic	Basic Law (<i>Grundgesetz</i>)
Nazism and Adolph Hitler	Bundestag and Bundesrat
Five Percent Rule	Reserved Powers
Mixed Electoral System	Constructive Vote of No Confidence
President	Chancellor
<i>Länder</i>	Constitutional Court
Christian Democrats (CDU/CSU)	Angela Merkel
Social Democrats (SPD)	Bad Godesberg Conference (1959)
Gerhard Schröder	Free Democrats (FDP)
Greens	The Left/ Party of Democratic Socialism
Codetermination (<i>Mitbestimmung</i>)	Social Market Economy
Democratic Corporatism	<i>Gastarbeiter</i> (Guest Workers)
<i>Wessies</i> and <i>Ossies</i>	Reunification