

Comparative Politics (GS 161)

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:

Zollverein

'Marriage of Iron and Rye'

Imperial/Wilhelmine Germany (2nd Reich)

Nazism and Adolph Hitler

Basic Law (*Grundgesetz*)

Bundesrat

Five Percent Rule

Two-Ballot Election System

Chancellor

Reserved Powers

Christian Democrats (CDU/CSU)

Social Democrats (SPD)

Gerhard Schröder

Free Democrats (FDP)

Greens

Codetermination (*Mitbestimmung*)

Democratic Corporatism

Wessies and *Ossies*

Otto von Bismarck

Junkers

Weimar Republic

Third Reich

Bundestag

Mixed Electoral System

Constructive Vote of No Confidence

President

Länder

Constitutional Court

Angela Merkel

Bad Godesberg Conference (1959)

Frank-Walter Steimeier

Guido Westerwelle

The Left/ Party of Democratic Socialism

Social Market Economy

Gastarbeiter (Guest Workers)

Reunification