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UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA  
Department of Political Science

Political Science 321H  
Politics of Western Europe  
Spring Semester, 2004

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Hrs:

Course purpose is to undertake a comparative analysis of parliamentary forms of government and politics in the United Kingdom, France and Germany.

Course objectives: Upon successful completion of this course, the student should be able to demonstrate 1) factual knowledge of the historical-cultural context and the government institutions/processes of the countries studied; 2) familiarity with European-relevant research sources; and 3) competence in preparing a short research paper and presenting it to a class.

1. Textbooks: Donald Hancock et al., Politics in Europe (3<sup>rd</sup> Ed)  
J. Adolino & C. Blake, Comparing Public Policies
2. Regular reading of a daily newspaper and/or weekly newsmag. for material relating to European politics is expected.
3. Paper (5-10 double -space, typed pages-including endnotes & bibliography; no cover sheet)/oral discussion: Explained in class; topic picked 27 Feb Fri; written part due at beginning of class Mar 24 (Wed); late papers will not be graded! Submission of a paper, however, is required to receive a grade for the course. Style manual: Kate L. Turabian, A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations (6<sup>th</sup> ed.) Dates of oral discussion announced in class.

Papers are graded on the basis of use of scholarly research sources, organization and clarity of prose (incl. grammar, punctuation & spelling) and formal paper mechanics (Turabian manual). (10 points, 5% of final grade)

4. Exams: Midterm (1 hr) - Wed, Mar 3: Adolino & Blake, Ch. 1-6; Hancock, Part 1; current events; lectures (90 points, 45 % of final grade)

Final (1 ½ hr) - Monday, May 10 (10:10-12:10):  
Adolino & Blake, Ch 7-12; Hancock, Parts 2, 3 & 7;  
current events; lectures; oral discussions (100 points  
50% of final grade)

Grading Scale: total score divided by 2 (90s = A,  
80s = B, 70s = C, 60s = D, 59 & below = F)

## Course Outline

- A. Introduction to the Study of Comparative Government and to Modern Europe
- B. United Kingdom
  - 1. Background & Political Culture
  - 2. Electoral/Party System
  - 3. Groups, Government Institutions
  - 4. Observations
- C. France
  - 1. Background & Political Culture
  - 2. Electoral/Party System
  - 3. Groups, Government Institutions
  - 4. Observations
- D. Germany
  - 1. Background & Political Culture
  - 2. Electoral/Party System
  - 3. Groups, Government Institutions
- E. European Union

NOTE: Tuesday, March 9: LAST DAY TO DROP CLASSES/CHANGE GRADING OPTION

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