

SD '03

Chaminade University of Honolulu
Spring Day 2003
Political Science 11101--Introduction to Comparative Government & Politics
January 13, 2003-May 8, 2003
Henry Hall 225

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. James P. Fitzsimmons

TEXT: Roskin, Michael G. Countries and Concepts. Seventh Edition.

ORGANIZATION: This course will run for 16 weeks as outlined below. Classes—
Tuesday/Thursday—8:00 a.m. to 9:20 a.m. Course format--lecture/discussion, but several
videos will be shown and there may be a guest speaker and/or a field trip.

GRADES: Your final grade in the course will be based upon your attendance, participation
and performance on the examinations and course paper. There will be two examinations, a
Mid-Term and a Final, and one Course Paper, of moderate length. The Mid-Term examination
will cover about half of the book, up through Chapter 16, and the Final will cover the rest of
the text. Attendance, the exams and paper will each count for 25%. However, should your
Final Exam and Course Paper show considerable improvement over your earlier effort, they
will be given greater significance. Each exam will consist of objective and essay questions.

COURSE PAPER: The nature and content of the Course Paper will be discussed in class.

ATTENDANCE: University regulations require that attendance be taken and that instances of
two (2) consecutive unexcused/unreported absences be reported to the Dean. This policy will be
followed. Attendance, participation and communication with the instructor regarding absences
and other course matters **ARE A MUST** and are part of your grade. It is impossible to be
successful in this course without attending the classes. Please note that no one will pass the
course unless the examinations and paper are successfully completed.

PROCEDURES: Please feel free to ask questions during class sessions. Your active
participation in classroom discussions is greatly encouraged.

GENERAL OVERVIEW: Survey of various areas of Political Science--comparative study of
government/politics of U.S., select European/Asian/Latin American/Middle Eastern nations.

January 14: Course Introduction—Chapters 1—The Concept of Country—2--Great Britain--

January 21: Chapters 3, 4—Great Britain—

January 28: Chapters 5, 6—Great Britain—

February 4: Chapters 7, 8—France—

February 11: Chapters 9, 10—France--

February 18: Chapters 11—France—12—Germany--

February 25: Chapters 13, 14—Germany—

March 4: Chapters 15, 16—Germany—**MID-TERM EXAMINATION--**

March 11: Chapters 17, 18—Russia--

March 18: Chapters 19, 20—Russia--

April 1: Chapters 21—Russia—22—Japan--

April 8: Chapters 23, 24—Japan—

April 15: Chapters 25, 26—Japan--

April 22: Chapters 27—China—28—Brazil—

April 29: Chapters 29—South Africa—30—Iran—31—Lessons of Nine Countries--

May 6: **FINAL EXAMINATION—COURSE PAPER DUE—**