

Brussels Study Tour 2017

Post-Secondary Faculty Course Module Planning Template

Name: Autumn McGimsey		Course Title/Module Title: Introduction to Political Science/Distribution of Power Among States	
		Discipline: Political Science	
Course/Module Narrative:	This module focuses the distribution of authority among states, supranational organizations and sub-national levels of government. Students will use a case study on the European Union (EU) to gain a basic understanding of the arrangements that may exist among government entities and how different political groups and electoral systems may influence the function/effectiveness of those arrangements.		
Course Objectives:			
By the end of this course students will be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. understand political theory and how it affects role of the law. 2. identify sources of authority within differently forms of government 3. explain how various forms of government view the role of the individual 4. understand the jurisdiction of the executive, legislature and judicial branches of various forms of government 5. understand the international impact of national policies 6. determine the existence of different levels of government and describe the levels in the various forms of government. 			
Module Objectives/Learning Objectives:			
By the end of this module students will be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify sources of authority within different forms of governments 2. Explain the pros and cons of the different government arrangements 3. Describe the how the EU is an example of supranational organization 4. Identify the various national electoral systems that exist in the EU 5. Describe the current distribution of political parties in the EU. 			
Assigned Readings			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Chapter 6 and 7 of Danziger, James N. <u>Understanding The Political World: A Comparative Introduction To Political Science</u> , 12th Edition. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson Education, Inc 2016 → European politics is more polarized than ever, and these numbers prove it <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o https://qz.com/645649/european-politics-is-more-polarized-than-ever-and-these-numbers-prove-it/ 			
Content & Delivery			
Course Content <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Link to Lecture Powerpoint 		Instruction & Delivery (lecture, discussion, group work, etc.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Three mini lectures on the following topics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Types of government arrangements 	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">o The EU as a case study for confederacyo Electoral and Party arrangements
Assessment	
Several questions will be included on the unit exam that pertain to the material covered in the lecture as well as a short essay asking students to discuss the pros and cons of a political arrangement such as the EU.	
Resources and Materials	
Supplemental Videos <ul style="list-style-type: none">→ The European Union Explained : https://youtu.be/O37yJBFrfq→ The First Past the Post Electoral system https://youtu.be/s7tWHJfhiyo→ Mixed Member Electoral Systems https://youtu.be/QT0I-sdoSXU	