Comparative politics is a subfield of political science that studies the various forms of government found throughout the world. Comparative politics attempts to analyze different governments through understanding the history, geography and people that live under the sovereignty of that government. The Comparative Politics minor is intended to give students in-depth knowledge of the politics of contemporary nation-states and tools for comparative analysis to prepare them to work more effectively in an increasingly global environment.

**Required Course:**
- Polit Sc 4200 Government and Politics of Modern Democracies
- Polit Sc 3320 Politics of the Developing World

**Elective Courses (choose 4):**
- Polit Sc 3320 Politics of the Developing World
- Polit Sc 3910 Identity Politics
- Polit Sc 4200 Government and Politics of Modern Democracies
- Polit Sc 4210 Political Integration of Western Europe
- Polit Sc 4212 Government and Politics of Southern Europe
- Polit Sc 4214 Government and Politics of Northern Europe
- Polit Sc 4216 Politics of Post-Communist Societies of Eastern Europe
- Polit Sc 4218 Soviet and Post-Soviet Politics
- Polit Sc 4225H Democracy in Muslim Majority Countries
- Polit Sc 4230 Government and Politics of China
- Polit Sc 4232 Contemporary Politics of South Asia
- Polit Sc 4236 Southeast Asian Politics
- Polit Sc 4240 Latin American Government and Politics
- Polit Sc 4241 Special Topics in Latin American Politics
- Polit Sc 4249 Domestic Politics and International Conflict
- Polit Sc 4280 State and Economy
- Polit Sc 4597.02 Political Problems of the Contemporary World
- Polit Sc 4327 Politics of the Middle East
- Polit Sc 4330 Global Governance

**Comparative Politics minor program guidelines**

- **Required for graduation:** No
- **Credit hours required:** A minimum of 15 credit hrs. 1000 level courses shall not be counted toward the 15-credit hr minimum. At least 6 credit hrs must be at the 3000-level or above.
- **Transfer credit hours allowed:** At least half of the credits counting toward the minor must be earned in regular OSU coursework.
- **Overlap with the GE:** Permitted, no more than 6 credit hours.
- **Overlap with the major and additional minor(s):**
  - The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
  - The minor must contain a minimum of 12 hours distinct from the major and/or additional minor(s).

- **Grades required:**
  - Minimum C- for a course to be counted on the minor.
  - Minimum 2.00 cumulative point-hour ratio required for the minor.
  - Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count on the minor.
  - No more than 3 credit hours of course work graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory may count toward the minor.

- **X193 credits:** No more than 3 credit hours.

- **Minor Approval:** The minor course work must be approved by the academic unit offering the minor.

- **Filing the minor program form:** The minor program form must be filed at least by the time the graduation application is submitted to a college/school counselor.

- **Changing the minor:** Once the minor program is filed in the college office, any changes must be approved by the academic unit offering the minor.