

POLITICAL SCIENCE 103
COMPARATIVE POLITICS—SPRING 2010
Honors Addendum—Syllabus Modification

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Specific examination modifications will include a written take-home examination (essay not to exceed five pages) for each mid-term. The take-home component (critical essay) for each of the three standard examinations will include critical analysis supported by readings in major political science journals, e.g., *Comparative Politics*, *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of Politics*, etc. The purpose of the analytical essays is twofold: (1) to introduce the student to the most recent scholarly literature in the discipline of political science, and (2) to engage the student in critical analysis concerning various comparative designs and strategies.

The student will also be required to put together a critical analysis for an additional country from the text. This analysis must also involve an alternative comparative modality, e.g., something other than structural-functionalism or systems analysis. The paper should be between 10 to 15 pages. It may be delivered to the class in the form of a lecture presentation or delivered to the professor one week before the end of the term. The specific times and dates for the steps of the process will be worked out by the professor and student at a later date.

Revised Assignments and Evaluation:**1st Exam (in-class)—15%, 1st Essay (take-home)—10%****2nd Exam (in-class)—15%, 2nd Essay (take home)—10%****3rd Exam (in-class)—15%, 3rd Essay (take home)—10%****Critical Analysis of additional country with alternate comparative model—25%**