General:
This course examines the development and functioning of the French political system with particular focus on the Fifth Republic and current political conflicts and issues. It includes analysis of political institutions, ideological traditions, party system change, organized interests and leadership. External relations and issues of European integration constitute additional focal points for our understanding of modern French politics.

Evaluation:
You may choose between two options in 120C. **Option A = Examinations only.** Your grade will be calculated on the basis on a mid-term and final examination. **Option B = Examinations plus a term paper.** If you choose B, you must submit a **one page topic proposal**, to be approved by the instructor, by Tuesday, February 2, 2009.

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See Note on optional paper below.

Basic Readings:
William Chandler and Veronica Hoyo, eds, ed., *State and Society in France* (Coursepack 2010 available only from URPS)
I. Introductory Overview: Institutional and Political Contexts of the Fifth Republic

Readings:
Levy, Cole and Le Galès, “From Chirac to Sarkozy…”, Chap 1 in Cole et al. 2008

II. Political Traditions: from Louis XIV to Nicolas Sarkozy

Readings:
Michael Marrus, "En Famille: the Dreyfus Affair and its Myths".
Sowerwine, Chapter 21, pp. 296-306.
Safran, Chap 1

III. Political Institutions and the Governing Process

Readings:
Safran, Chap 6,7
Elgie and Machin, "France: The Limits of Prime-Ministerial Government in a Semi-Presidential System". CP
Lazardeux, “The French National Assembly’s Oversight …”, CP

Optional:
A. Stone 1992 "Where Judicial Politics Are Legislative Politics; The French Constitutional Council" West European Politics 15,3, pp29-49. (RR Lib copy only)
Andrew Knapp 1991 "The Cumul des Mandats, Local Power and Political Parties in France" West European Politics, 14,1 pp 18-40. (RR Lib only)

IV. Ideological Divisions and Party Politics

a) France’s “political families”: Cleavage Bases and Party System,
c) Mass Mobilization and Political Protest
d) Municipal and Senate Elections 2008: The Dissing of Sarkozy?

Readings:
Safran, Chapter 2 (pp. 31-44) and Chapters 3,4
Cole, Le Galès and Levy, eds., Chapters 2, 3.
Mayer, Nonna, “Les hauts et les bas du vote Le Pen”, Tables 1, 2, 3, 8, 9 (506-8, 517-8).

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V. France in Europe and the World

Foreign Policy, Supra-nationality and Sarkozy’s Presidency.

Readings:
Bindi, Kupchan and Vaisse, “Sarkozy’s Europe…” CP.
Crumley, “…Sarkozy’s “walk-out Threat…””, 2009, CP
Safran, pp. 365-378.

VI. Elites, Economic Interests, Strikes, Protest Politics

Social and economic change and policy development,
Parties and pressure groups in the policy process
Presidential Power under Sarkozy

Readings:
Safran, Chapter 5
Cole, Le Galès and Levy, eds Chapters 11, 12
Knapp 1991, "The Cumul des Mandats...in France".

Optional:

VII. Economic and Social Policy

Readings:
Safran, Chapters 5, 10.
VIII. The Politics of Immigration, Integration and Territory

Identity, Citizens and the State
Regions and Territorial Politics

Readings:
Safran, Chap 9 and pp. 40-43.
Scolino, “A maze of identities for Muslims of France”, CP.
Crumley, “…Anti-immigrant Right…” 2007, CP.

IX. Comparative Perspectives:
Evaluating French Democracy in the Fifth Republic and within the European Union,

Readings:
Cole, Le Galès and Levy, eds…Chapter 16.

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FINAL EXAMINATION: Friday June 11, 2010, time: 11:30 to 2:29 pm.
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Optional papers: If you choose to write a research paper, you must submit, by Monday, 26 April 2010, a one page abstract (topic proposal). No paper proposals will be permitted after this deadline. All proposals must be approved by the instructor.

Plagiarism will not be tolerated. The University of California, San Diego policy requires that suspicious papers will be run through Turn It In and referred to the Dean. Always cite work that is not your own. Direct quotes and paraphrases require full citations. When in doubt, ask the instructor.

Optional papers are due: Wed. 2 June 2010 in class.

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Pol Sci. 120 C Reserve Readings, Spring 2010
Anne Sa’adah, Contemporary France (Roman and Littlefield, 2002)
Suleiman, Ezra, Elites in French Society (Princeton UP)
Hollifield, James, Immigrants, Markets and States (Harvard UP)

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