University of California, San Diego
2012 Political Science 120C

Politics in France

Winter, 2012
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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 = Two Examinations plus a term paper. This option is available only to students who receive a B+ or better on the mid-term. If you qualify and decide to write a paper, you will submit a one page proposal (describing your focus and research question) by Feb. 10, 2012. This must be approved by the instructor.

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See Note on optional paper below.

Basic Readings:
Helen Drake, *Contemporary France* (Palgrave, 2011)
I. Introductory Overview: Institutional and Political Contexts of the Fifth Republic

Drake, ch. 2,

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,
Drake, Chap 1.

III. Political Institutions and the Governing Process

Readings:
Safran, Chap 6,7
Drake, Chap 4.
Elgie and Machin, "France: The Limits of Prime-Ministerial Government in a Semi-Presidential System". CP
Lazardeux, :French National Assembly…”, 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, ...”. (RR Lib only)

IV. Ideological Divisions and Party Politics

a) France’s “political families”: Cleavage Bases and Party System,
b) Mass Mobilization and Political Protest
c) Electoral trends and the 2012 Elections
d) Municipal and Senate Elections 2008-11: The Dissing of Sarkozy?

Readings:
Safran, Chapter 2 (pp. 31-44) and Chapters 3,4,
Drake, Chap 3,
Perrineau, Pascal, Le Vote Rupture Maps, # 8, 11, 13, 19; Tables pp. 285, 2867,298, 299.

**V. 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,
- Drake, Chap 6,

*Optional:*
- Knapp 1991, "The *Cumul des Mandats* in France". (available RR only)

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**VI. France in Europe and the World**
Foreign Policy, Eurozone in Crisis, and Sarkozy’s Presidency.

*Readings:*
- Drake, Chap 8,
- Safran, pp. 365-378.

**VII. Economic and Social Policy**

*Readings:*
- Safran, Chapters 5, 10.
- Drake, Chap 7,
- Erlanger, “As Election Approaches, Sarkozy Faces Daunting To-Do List for French Economy”, NYT, 11 August 2011,

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.
   Drake, Chaps 5, review 6.
   Scolino, “A maze of identities for Muslims of France”, CP

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

Readings:
   Drake, Chap 8.

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FINAL EXAMINATION: Monday, 19 March 2012, time: 11:30 am to 2:29 pm.
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Optional papers: If you choose to write a research paper, you must submit, by Friday 10 Feb 2012, 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: Friday 12 March 2012 in class.

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Pol Sci. 120 C Reserve Readings, Winter, 2012
Drake, Contemporary France, (palgrave 2011)
Hollifield, James, Immigrants, Markets and States (Harvard UP)
A. Stone (1992) "Where Judicial Politics Are Legislative Politics; The French Constitutional Council" West European Politics 15.3, pp29-49. (RR Lib copy only)

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