Politics in France

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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.

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Evaluation:
Two Examinations only: Your grade will be calculated on the basis on a mid-term and final examination.

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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 Charles de Gaulle...

Readings:
- Michael Marrus, "En Famille: the Dreyfus Affair and its Myths".
- Charles 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
- Lazardex, French National Assembly…”, CP

Optional:
- 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.  A New Era in French Politics: From Sarkozy to Hollande


VI.  Elites, Economic Interests, Strikes, Protest Politics
Social and economic change and policy development. Parties and pressure groups in the policy process. Presidential Power from de Gaulle to Hollande?

Readings:
Carnegy, Hugh, “Aux Barricades”, Financial Times, 1 Dec 2012,
Safran, Chapter 5,
Drake, Chap 6,

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

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

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

VIII. 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,
Boxwell, James, “France struggles to stem industrial decline” Financial Times, 10 April 2012.

Carnegy, Hugh, “Aux Barricades”, Financial Times, 1 Dec 2012,

IX. 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

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

Readings:
Drake, Chap 8.

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FINAL Take-home EXAMINATION: to be distributed in last week of classes. Take-Home Exam is due no later than 6:00 pm, 21 March 2013, in classroom Centr 109.

Plagiarism will not be tolerated. The University of California, San Diego policy requires that suspicious papers will be run through Turn It In (turnitin.com) 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.

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Pol Sci. 120 C Reserve Readings, Winter, 2013
Drake, Contemporary France, (Palgrave 2011)
Hollifield, James, Immigrants, Markets and States (Harvard UP)
Andrew Knapp 1991 "The Cumul des Mandats, Local Power and Political Parties in France"
West European Politics, 14,1 pp 18-40.

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