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**REQUIRED READING:** All readings listed on this syllabus are required. Five books are available for purchase at the CU Book Store, and two copies of each are also available on course reserve at Norlin Library. They are as follows:

- (1) *Essentials of Comparative Politics, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition* by Patrick H. O'Neil (abbreviated as "Essentials" on this syllabus)
- (2) *Cases in Comparative Politics, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition* by Patrick H. O'Neil, Karl Fields, and Don Share (abbreviated as "Cases" on this syllabus)
- (3) *China Road* by Rob Gifford
- (4) *Putin's Labyrinth* by Steve Levine
- (5) *We Are All the Same* by Jim Wooten

A small number of other required readings are available on course electronic reserves (abbreviated as "E-RES") and through CULearn. Aside from this syllabus, all course "handouts" are emailed to students and posted to CULearn; they are not printed, copied, and handed out.

**GRADES:** Overall, the final grade will be allocated in the following manner:

1)	<u>Examinations</u>	<u>45%</u>
	o Midterm:	15%
	o Quiz:	10%
	o Final:	20%
2)	<u>Research Paper:</u>	<u>20%</u>
3)	<u>Recitation Section:</u>	<u>20%</u>
	o Attendance:	10%
	o Performance:	10%
4)	<u>Simulation:</u>	<u>10%</u>
	o Short Paper:	9%
	o Game Result:	1%
5)	<u>Clickers:</u>	<u>5%</u>

First, 45% of the overall grade is based on three closed-book, in-class examinations: a Midterm (15%), a Quiz (10%), and a Final (20%). The Midterm will cover Unit 1 material, the Quiz will cover Unit 2 material, and the Final will cover Unit 2 and Unit 3 material. Examinations will not be given to anyone at a day and time other than that already specified on this syllabus, unless students have discussed with the instructor IN ADVANCE special arrangements due to disability or final exam conflict. Students with disabilities must show Professor Baker *within the first three weeks of class* authorization from the Office of Services to Disabled Students and must take the examination at the specified time.

Second, twenty percent of the final grade is based on a 1000-word research paper (4-5 pages). Research papers handed in after the specified time will have ten percentage points subtracted from their final score each business day they are late. Students must also submit papers to [turnitin.com](https://www.turnitin.com), and the same late



**Week 6**  
The US in Comparative  
Perspective

*Recitation:*

**September 27 and 29**

- Chapter 3 (Cases)
- Allen, Christopher (2006). "The Case for a Multiparty..." (E-RES)

Simulation of a parliamentary system  
SHORT PAPER DUE ON SEPTEMBER 29 IN CLASS

**Week 7a**

*Recitation:*

**October 4**

MIDTERM EXAM IS OCTOBER 4 IN CLASS!  
NO RECITATION SECTIONS THIS WEEK (OCTOBER 4-8)!

**UNIT 2: POLITICS IN THE POST-SOCIALIST DEVELOPING WORLD:  
ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL TRANSITIONS IN CHINA AND RUSSIA**

**Week 7 b**

Politics and Economics in  
Developing Countries

**October 6**

- Chapters 6 and 9 (*Essentials*)

**Week 8**

China: Mao and Deng

**October 11 and 13**

- Chapter 8 (Cases)
- Chapters 1-12 (*China Road*)

*Suggested recitation topic:*

Why are some countries richer than others? Why are some countries more democratic than others?

**Week 9**

China: Cultural Pluralism

**October 18 and 20**

- Chapters 13-23 (*China Road*)

*Suggested recitation topic:*

Why has China achieved economic growth without democratization?  
What is the solution to China's Tibet question?

**Week 10**

Russia: Marxism and the USSR

**October 25 and 27**

- Chapter 8 (*Essentials*)
- Chapter 7 (Cases)
- Chapters 1-3 (*Putin's Labyrinth*)

*Suggested recitation topic:*

Why did the Soviet Union collapse?

**Week 11**

Russia's Transitions:  
Yeltsin, Putin and Medvedev

**November 1 and 3**

- Chapters 4-10 (*Putin's Labyrinth*)

*Suggested recitation topic:*

Why do so many Russians like Putin and Medvedev?

**Week 12**

*Recitation:*

**November 8 and 10**

QUIZ IS NOVEMBER 10 IN CLASS!  
Come to recitation prepared to discuss your research paper idea

**UNIT 3: POLITICS IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD:  
SOUTH AFRICA AND EPIDEMICS IN AFRICA**

**Week 13**

Politics in South Africa

**November 15 and 17**

- Chapter 13 (Cases)

*Suggested recitation topic:*

Why did apartheid begin and end?

**Week 15**

HIV/AIDS in S. Africa

**November 29 and December 1**

- pp. vii-106 (*We Are All the Same*)

What are the causes of and solutions to the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Africa? In comparison to other world problems, what priority should HIV/AIDS receive?

RESEARCH PAPER IS DUE DECEMBER 1 IN CLASS!

- pp. 107-240 (*We Are All the Same*)

Is it ethical for drug companies to charge for HIV/AIDS medications?  
Review for final

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