

University of California, San Diego
2009 Political Science 120C

Politics in France

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MWF: 10:00-10:50 am
CSB 001
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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 = 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.

	Option A	Option B
Mid-Term Exam: Feb 9, 2009	(40%)	(20%)
Final Exam: Friday Mar 20, 2009, 8 to 11 am	(60%)	(40%)
Optional paper: due Mar 12, 2009 in class	-----	(40%)

Basic Readings:

William Safran, *The French Polity*, 7th edition paperback (Longman, 2008)

Charles Hauss, *Politics in France* (CQ Press, 2008)

William Chandler, ed., *State and Society in France* (Coursepack 2009 available only from URPS)

I. *Introductory Overview: Institutional and Political Contexts of the Fifth Republic*

Safran, pp. 1-15.

The Economist, "France faces the future", 1 April 2006.

Moisi, "A Sense of Crisis keeps life sweet for Sarkozy", *Financial Times*, 4 Dec 2008.

Rachman, "How the French are falling out of love with the eurozone", *FT*, 2007

Thornhill, "Reactionary Revolutionary", *Financial Times*, 4 Dec. 2005

II. Political Traditions: from Louis XIV to Nicolas Sarkozy

Readings:

Michael Marrus, "En Famille: the Dreyfus Affair and its Myths".
 Charles Cogan, *Charles de Gaulle* (1996), pp. 26-35, 41-55.
 Sowerwine, Chapter 21, pp. 296-306.

Safran, Chap 1
 Hauss, Chaps. 2,3

III. Political Institutions and the Governing Process

Readings:

Safran, Chap 6,7
 Hauss, chap. 7, and pp. 219-48.
 Elgie and Machin, "France: The Limits of Prime-Ministerial Government in a Semi-Presidential System".
 Frears, "The French Parliament: Loyal Workhorse, Poor Watchdog".
 Stone, "Where Judicial Politics Are Legislative Politics; The French Constitutional Council".

Optional:

Elgie, "The Political Executive", in Cole, chapter 5
 Knapp, "Prometheus (Re)bound...Checks on Executive Power" in Cole, chap 6

IV. Ideological Divisions and Party Politics

- a) France's "political families": Cleavage Bases and Party System,
- b) Electoral Trends and recent elections 2002, 2007
- 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
 Hauss, chap. 6
 Perrineau, Pascal, *Le Vote Rupture* Maps, # 8, 11, 13, 19; Tables pp. 285, 286, 298, 299.
 Mayer, Nonna, "Les hauts et les bas du vote Le Pen", Tables 1,2,3, 8, 9 (506-8, 517-8).
 Lewis-Beck, Michael, "Class, Religion, and the French Voter: A 'Stalled' Electorate?"
The Economist, "The Irresistible Rise of Ségolène Royal", 10 April 2006
 Erlanger and Bennhold, "French Socialists face Division..." NYT, 24 Nov 2008.

Optional:

Evans and Mayer, "Electoralates", in Cole, chap 3.
 Stevens, Chap 8.
 Haegel, "Parties and organizations" in Cole, chapter 2 ...

MID-TERM EXAMINATION: Feb 9, 2009

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
 Hauss, Chapter 5
 Knapp 1991, "The Cumul des Mandats...in France".
Economist, "Special Report, Trade Unions", 7 June 2003, pp. 59-61.

Optional:

Woll, "National Business Association under Stress, WEP, 2006, pp. 489-512.
 Le Galès, "Reshaping the State?", Chapter 8 in Cole.
 Thornhill and Arnold, "An alarm bell for the Fifth Republic... ", *FT*, 10 June 2005,

VI. Economic and Social Policy***Readings:***

Safran, Chapters 5, 10.
 Hauss, Chapter 8.

Optional:

Gordon and Meunier, "The New French Economy".

VII. The Politics of Immigration and Integration

Identity, Citizens and the State

Readings:

Safran, Chap 9 and pp. 40-43.
 Scolino, "A maze of identities for the Muslims of France", *NY Times*, April 2003
 Graham, *Financial Times*, "Corsica poll ...", 8 July 2003.

Optional:

Guiraudon, "Immigration Politics and Polices", in Cole, Chapter 10
 Mazur, "Gendering in the Fifth Republic", in Cole, chapter 13,

VIII. France in Europe and the World

Foreign Policy, Supra-nationality and Sarkozy's EU Presidency, 2008

Readings:

Drake, "France: An EU Founder Member Cut Down to Size?", in *JEI*, March 2006,

Hall, "Sarkozy to ward off foreign predators", *Financial Times*, 24 Oct 2008.

Moisi, "A Sense of Crisis keeps life sweet for Sarkozy", *Financial Times*, 4 Dec 2008.

Safran, pp. 365-378.

Hauss, Chapter. 11.

Optional:

Smith, "The Europeanization of the French State" in Cole, Chapter 7,

IX. Comparative Perspectives:

Evaluating French Democracy in the Fifth Republic and within the European Union,

Readings:

Hauss, chap. 11

The Economist, "France faces the future", 1 April 2006.

Optional:

Stevens, Chap 10, 11.

Duchesne, "Identities, Nationalism, Citizenship", Chapter 14 in Cole.

FINAL EXAMINATION: Friday Mar 20, 2009, 8 to 11 am

Pol Sci. 120 C Reserve Readings, Winter 2009

William Safran, *The French Polity*, 7th edition paperback (Longman, 2008)

Anne Stevens, *Government and Politics of France*, 3rd edition (Palgrave, 2005)

Anne Sa'adah, *Contemporary France* (Roman and Littlefield, 2002)

Cole, et al., eds., *Developments in French Politics 3* (Palgrave 2005)

Suleiman, Ezra, *Elites in French Society* (Princeton UP)

Lewis-Beck, Michael, ed., *How France Votes* (NY: Chatham House, 2000)

Gordon, Philip and S. Meunier, *The French Challenge, Adapting to Globalization* (Brookings, 2002)

Hollifield, James, *Immigrants, Markets and States* (Harvard UP)

Charles Hauss, *Politics in France* (CQ Press, 2008)
