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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Basic Readings:
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.
Rachman, “How the French are falling out of love with the eurozone”, *FT*, 2007
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
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,
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, 2867,298, 299.
Mayer, Nonna, “Les hauts et les bas du vote Le Pen”, Tables 1,2,3, 8, 9 (506-8, 517-8).
The Economist, “The Irresistible Rise of Ségolène Royal”, 10 April 2006
Optional:
Stevens, Chap 8.
Haegel, “Parties and organizations” in Cole, chapter 2 …

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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".

Optional:
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

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,
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.

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**Pol Sci. 120 C Reserve Readings, Winter 2009**
Anne Sa’adah, *Contemporary France* (Roman and Littlefield, 2002)
Cole, et al., eds., *Developments in French Politics* 3 (Palgrave 2005)
Hollifield, James, *Immigrants, Markets and States* (Harvard UP)

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