

**POLI 4064**  
**Comparative Politics of Developing Countries**  
**FALL 2011**  
**104 Audubon 12:30-1:30 MWF**

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**Office Hours:** 10:00-11:00 MW  
3:00-5:00 W

**OBJECTIVE:** The course is designed to analyze the forces and trends characteristic of the politics of developing countries. We will use examples from all the major regions of the Third World (Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East), in order to better understand the pervasive nature of the political crisis that has engulfed the developing countries.

**TEXTBOOKS:** There are two texts required for the course:

Howard Handelman: The Challenge of Third World Development.  
New Jersey: Pearson/Longman, 2011  
Annual Editions: Developing World. 11/12  
Dubuque, Iowa: McGraw Hill/Dushkin, 2011

**STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:** You are required to attend all class sessions and keep up with reading assignments as well as on-going events in the Third World. All test and paper assignments must be completed on a timely basis.

**EXAMS, PAPERS, & GRADES:** There will be an early take-home exam, a midterm exam, a comparative research paper on any two countries in different regions of the Third World and a Final. Your research paper should cover some of the important topics covered in lectures as they apply to your countries. You will present your findings.

Course grades will be determined according to the following formula:

NYT Multiple Choice	10 pts.	(Before midterm/final)
Class Participation	10 pts.	
Early Take home exam	10 pts.	(Fri. Sept. 16)
Mid-term Exam (in class)	20 pts.	(Fri. Oct. 07)
Research Paper	20 pts.	(Fri. Nov. 18)
Presentation	5 pts.	(Begin Nov. 09)
Final Exam	<u>25 pts.</u>	(Tues. Dec. 06; 7:30am)
	100 pts.	

**A:** 88–100;   **B:** 87.9–78;   **C:** 77.9–69;   **D:** 68.9–60;   **F:** Below 60



Oct. 10-26

**Constraints to Development**

- \*The Economy: Poverty as a Problem  
Strategies with Little Success  
Handelman Chapter 6 & 10, AE Unit 2
- \*Classes, Clientelism and Corruption  
Handelman: Chapter 7
- \*Education in the Third World Context
- \*Ethnicity, Race and the Caste System  
Handelman: Chapter 4
- \*Women, Population, and Politics  
Handelman: Chapter 5, AE Unit 5 & 6

Oct. 28-Nov. 07

**Intervening Forces**

- \*Militarization and Military Rule  
Handelman: Chapter 9
- \*Insurgency and Revolution  
Handelman: Chapter 8
- Religion and Politics  
Handelman: Chapter 3

Begin Nov. 09-30

**Presentation of Two-Country Research**

Nov. 18

**Research Paper Due**

Nov. 28

**Course Evaluation/Review Session/Return Pre-Final Exams**

Tues. Dec. 06

**Final Exam; 4:00-6:00 pm**