



### **Course Description**

#### **CPO2100 | Comparative European Government | 3.00 credits**

This course includes works from the Western canon and examines the systems of government in Western Europe, focusing on their structures and functions. Students will analyze major policy issues and approaches to resolving them, considering the interdependence of Western European countries in policymaking. The course emphasizes the application of social and behavioral science concepts to understand historical and contemporary social, political, and economic issues in the Western European context.

**Competency 1:** The student will demonstrate understanding of Western European governmental systems by:

1. Analyzing the structures of various Western European governments
2. Comparing different governmental functions across Western European countries
3. Examining the historical development of Western European political systems
4. Evaluating the effectiveness of different governance models
5. Interpreting key political documents and constitutions
6. Tracing the evolution of democratic institutions in Western Europe
7. Synthesizing information about intergovernmental relationships in the region

**Competency 2:** The student will explore policy-making processes in Western Europe by:

1. Investigating major policy issues facing Western European countries
2. Examining approaches to resolving complex political challenges
3. Analyzing the impact of regional interdependence on national policies
4. Assessing the role of supranational organizations in policy formation
5. Exploring the influence of economic factors on political decision-making
6. Evaluating the effectiveness of various policy implementation strategies
7. Comparing policy outcomes across different Western European nations

**Competency 3:** The student will apply social and behavioral science concepts to Western European politics by:

1. Analyzing voting behaviors and electoral systems
2. Examining the role of public opinion in shaping political agendas
3. Evaluating the impact of media on political processes
4. Investigating the influence of interest groups on policy-making
5. Assessing the relationship between economic systems and political structures
6. Comparing historical and contemporary approaches to governance
7. Interpreting social trends and their effects on political landscapes
8. Constructing evidence-based arguments about political phenomena in Western Europe

### **Learning Outcomes:**

1. Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning.
2. Formulate strategies to locate, evaluate, and apply information.