

Faculty of Economics and Political Science

Comparative Local Systems

Information :

Course Code : PAD 203

Level : Undergraduate

Course Hours : 3.00- Hours

Department : Department of Political Science

Instructor Information :

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Area Of Study :

This course introduces concepts of local systems, local government and local administration. It presents a comparative analysis of different local government systems to show their advantages and disadvantages. In addition, students in this course overview local government reforms in some developed countries to provide them with insights on the factors that have driven local government reforms and the effects of those reforms. Students study the contemporary trends in administrative decentralization. The course also describes the structure, funding functions and problems of local government in some selected countries with important application of local systems' problems and development in Egypt.

Course Goals:

ÇIntroduce students to the field of comparative local systems and discuss the nature, usefulness of comparative local government study.

ÇExplore the levels of the local government and the concept of decentralization.

ÇDescribe the structure, functions and problems of local government in Egypt and some selected countries.

ÇFocus on the local Administration Reform and Development Administration

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Course outcomes :

a.Knowledge and Understanding: :

1 -	Identify the relationship between control and local government
2 -	Define important concept such as local systems, local governance, and local administration, government accountability and responsiveness
3 -	Investigate the key peculiarities, structure, functions and problems of local governments.
4 -	Observe the contemporary trend in administrative decentralization
5 -	Investigate the concepts of "Reinventing the government" and " the new public management" from various case studies

6 -	Identify funding functions of local systems and their problems in selected countries
b. Intellectual Skills: :	
1 -	Compare different local administration reform efforts and the lessons learned from each case
2 -	Distinguish between different local systems in developing and developed countries
3 -	Analyze important problems facing local government in Egypt
4 -	Examine major factors driving local government reforms
5 -	Classify different effects of reform efforts in developing countries
c. Professional and Practical Skills: :	
1 -	Critically assess the advantages and disadvantages of different local systems.
2 -	Apply introduced knowledge to propose effective procedures to serve local citizens better
3 -	Report new elements that should be integrated in future reform plans drawing from the contemporary trends in administrative decentralization
d. General and Transferable Skills: :	
1 -	Communicate effectively in a group
2 -	Develop analytical thinking skills

Course Topic And Contents :

Topic	No. of hours	Lecture	Tutorial / Practical
Conceptual Analysis of Local Government: Justification, purpose.	3	1	
The objectives of Decentralization, Environmental Conditions for the development of Local Government.	3	1	
Decentralization, Governance and Democracy and the Structure of Local Government.	3	1	
- framework for Comparing Local Governance - Local System in France	3	1	
Local Systems in Britain and China	3	1	
Local System in the US	3	1	
Midterm Exam		1	
Local System in Egypt, Structure, Process, and the Challenges of Reform	12	4	
Local Administration Reform and Development Administration. New Public Administration and relevant concepts on Reinvention of Government, Accountability, Responsiveness.	9	3	
Final Exam		1	

Teaching And Learning Methodologies :

Demonstration videos
Group discussion
Data show and computer in lectures
Research Paper

Course Assessment :

Methods of assessment	Relative weight %	Week No	Assess What
Class Work(Attendance, Participation, Assignments, Quizzes, Research papers, Presentations, etc)	30.00		To assess theoretical background of the intellectual and practical skills and understanding
Final Exam	40.00	15	To assess knowledge and intellectual skills.
Midterm Exam	30.00	7	To assess professional skills.

Recommended books :

Freed Harold Alderfer, Local Government in Developing Countries, New York: McGraw-Hill, 1964.

O. P. Dwivedi and Keith M. Henderson, Public Administration in World Perspective, Iowa: Iowa State University Press, 1990. (Chapter 2 Policy Developments and Administrative Changes in the Arab World).

Fumihiko Saito, Foundations for Local Governance: Decentralization in Comparative Perspective, Heidelberg: Physica-Verlag, 2008, (Chapter 1 Decentralization and Local Governance: Introduction and Overview).
The Annals of American Academy, Kjellberg, Francesco, "The Changing Values of Local Government" AAPSS, 540, July 1995, (40-50).

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E. H. Valsan, (ed) Democracy, Decentralization and Development: Selected International Experiences. International Association of schools and Institutes of Administration, 1999.

Ferrel Heady, Public Administration: A Comparative Perspective. Florida: Taylor and Francis, 2001.

Samuel Humes, Local Governance and National Power. New York: Harvester Wheatsheaf, 1991.

Jamil E Jreisat, Comparative Public Administration and Policy, Colorado: Westview Press, 2002.

Linda Keen, Local Government Management: The Rhetoric and Reality of Change, Open University Press, 1998.

Desmond S. King and Jon Pierre (ed), Challenges to Local Government, London: Newbury Park: Sage Publications, 1990.

A.F. Leemans, Changing Patterns of Local Government, The Hague: International Union of Local Authorities, 1970.

James Mayfield, Local Government in Egypt, Cairo: The American University in Cairo Press, 1996.

Alan Norton, International Handbook of Local and Regional Government: A Comparative Analysis of Advanced Democracies. Aldershot, Hants, England; Brookfield, VT: Edward Elgar, 1994.

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Morroe Berger, "Bureaucracy East and West", Administrative Science Quarterly, Vol. 1, No. 4, Mar., 1957, (518-529).

Royston Greenwood, "Changing Patterns of Budgeting in English Local Government", Public Administration, Vol. 61 summer 1983 (149-168).

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