Course Title: Democracies and Democratization

Course Number: PSC 5653-222

Course Description:
Recent events in the Middle East and North Africa remind us of the fascinating and uncertain dynamics of democratization—and of just how much is at stake in democratization processes.

This course provides students with an historical grounding in the experiences and concepts of democracy by examining the meaning and value of democracy as it emerged in three traditions: a democratic tradition (associated with Athenian democracy), a republican tradition (associated with the Roman Republic and renaissance city-states), and a liberal tradition that developed in Great Britain. We end the first part of the course by examining how these three traditions came together in the American Founding, and what significance this has for democracy today.

In the second part of the course we examine recent evidence on the principal causal factors shaping the genesis and survival—and in some cases, collapse—of contemporary democracies. These include historical, cultural, religious, ethnic, socio-economic, institutional, military, and international factors.

In part three we turn to regional and case studies of democratization to understand these causal factors as they play out in different historical contexts, such as what we are witnessing in the Middle East today.

There is an important pre-class writing assignment for this course that is due in the D2L drop-box by 2300 hours on the day before the first class meeting. An identical hard-copy of the assignment must be brought to the first class meeting. The full assignment can be found in the "Content" section of the D2L page for this course.

Class Dates, Location and Hours:
- Dates: February 28-March 4, 2012
- Location: Ramstein, Germany. Classes held in Bldg. 2784, Room 301, Kapaun Air Station.
- Hours: Tue-Fri 6:00-9:30 p.m.; Sat-Sun 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Last day to enroll or drop without penalty: January 30, 2012

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- Professor availability: The professor will be available via e-mail to students before and after the class sessions. On-site office hours are half an hour before and after each class session, by appointment.
Textbook(s) and Instructional Materials:

Student materials are available at the Follett/AP Bookstore located in the Oklahoma Memorial Union, 900 Asp Ave., Norman, OK. Orders can be placed online at www.oklahomaunion bkstr.com or by telephone at 866-369-9713 (toll free in the U.S.) or 405-325-5960 (outside the U.S.). E-mail orders may be sent to oklahomaunion@bkstr.com. Representatives are available from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. CST Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. CST on Friday. Summer hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. CST. Faxed orders may be placed 24 hours a day to 866-223-5607 (toll free in the U.S.) or 405-325-1557 (outside the U.S.).


2. Materials posted on the OU Desire to Learn (D2L) system: Access D2L at http://learn.ou.edu; enter your OU NetID (4+4) and password, and select course to access material. Please contact your local Site Director if you require assistance.

Note: The Follett/AP Bookstore is the Advanced Programs contractual textbook provider. Should text changes become necessary after publication of the course syllabus, Advanced Programs will facilitate text returns/refunds only for texts purchased through the Follett/AP Bookstore.

Course Objectives:

- To understand the historical origins, meanings, and value accorded democracy.
- To understand the principal causal factors shaping democracy’s genesis and survival.
- To understand how these causal factors play out in specific historical contexts leading to the success or failure of democratization.

Assignments, Grading and Due Dates:

1. Pre-class Assignment: (25%)

   This class requires a significant amount of pre-class reading and a substantial writing assignment that must be completed before the first class meeting. Students will need to reserve time in the weeks leading up to the first day of class to complete this assignment.

   The pre-class reading and writing assignments will be available at the D2L site for this course approximately one month before the first class meeting. If you cannot access the D2L site, contact the instructor at ckenney@ou.edu to receive the assignment. It is the student’s responsibility to obtain and complete the assignment before the first class meeting.

   It is essential in this class that you follow the citation and documentation requirements set out in the assignment. The source of all information must be cited with page numbers and all quoted material must be identified as such.

   The completed pre-class assignment must be sent to the D2L drop-box by 2300 hours on the day before the first class meeting. An identical hard-copy of the assignment must be brought to the first class meeting. Late papers may receive a one-letter grade deduction for each day late.

2. In-class Quizzes: (20%)

   Several quizzes will be given during the course to test your knowledge of the specific region and country studies included in the pre-class reading assignment. These readings should be completed before the beginning of the course since for most students there will be little time available once the course begins.

3. Final Exam/Paper: (40%)

   You will be asked to write a paper of approximately 12-15 pages that will be due on Sunday, three weeks after the final class, which must be sent to the drop-box at the D2L course site. The specific exam question and assignment will be given at the end of the class. You must document your sources of information carefully and completely, identify quoted material, and attach a list of works cited.
Grading: This is a letter-graded course: A, B, C, D, or F.

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NOTICE: Failure to meet assignment due dates could result in a grade of I (Incomplete) and may adversely impact Tuition Assistance and/or Financial Aid.
POLICIES AND NOTICES

Attendance/Grade Policy

Attendance and participation in interaction, individual assignments, group exercises, simulations, role playing, etc. are valuable aspects of any course because much of the learning comes from discussions in class with other students. It is expected that you attend all classes and be on time except for excused emergencies.

Excused absences are given for professor mandated activities or legally required activities such as emergencies or military assignments. Unavoidable personal emergencies, including (but not limited to) serious illness; delays in getting to class because of accidents, etc.; deaths and funerals, and hazardous road conditions will be excused.

If you are obtaining financial assistance (TA, STAP, FA, VA, Scholarship, etc.) to pay all or part of your tuition cost, you must follow your funding agency/institution’s policy regarding “I” (Incomplete) grades unless the timeline is longer than what the University policy allows then you must adhere to the University policy.

Students who receive Financial Aid must resolve/complete any “I” (Incomplete) grades by the end of the term or he/she may be placed on “financial aid probation.” If the “I” grade is not resolved/completed by the end of the following term, the student’s Financial Aid may be suspended make the student ineligible for further Financial Aid.

Students are responsible for meeting the guidelines of Tuition Assistance and Veterans Assistance. See the education counselor at your local education center for a complete description of your TA or VA requirements.

Academic Honesty

Honesty is a fundamental precept in all academic activities and … [you] have a special obligation to observe the highest standards of honesty. Academic misconduct in any form is inimical to the purposes and functions of the University and is therefore unacceptable and is rigorously proscribed. Academic misconduct includes:

- cheating (using unauthorized materials, information, or study aids in any academic exercise), plagiarism, falsification of records, unauthorized possession of examinations, intimidation, and any and all other actions that may improperly affect the evaluation of a student’s academic performance or achievement; assisting others in any such act; or attempting to engage in such acts.

All acts of academic misconduct will be reported and adjudicated as prescribed by the student code of the University of Oklahoma. All students should review the “Student’s Guide to Academic Integrity” found at http://www.ou.edu/provost/integrity

Accommodation Statement

The College of Continuing Education [Advanced Programs] is committed to making its activities as accessible as possible. For accommodations on the basis of disability, please contact your OU Site Director.

Course Policies

Advanced Programs policy is to order books in paperback if available. Courses, dates, and professors are subject to change. Please check with your OU Site Director. Students should retain a copy of any assignments that are mailed to the professor for the course.

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Education

- 1998 Ph.D., Political Science, University of Notre Dame
- 1996 M.A., Political Science, University of Notre Dame
- 1980 B.A., Philosophy, University of Notre Dame

Current Positions

- Advanced Programs Professor since 1998
- Associate Professor of Comparative and Latin American Politics, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma

Frequently Taught Advanced Programs Courses

- PSC 5683 Latin American Politics
- PSC 5600 Democracies & Democratization

Major Areas of Teaching and Research Interest

- Comparative politics, democratization, democratic theory
- Regime change, democratic breakdown, transitions from authoritarian rule
- Political violence, revolution, terrorism, guerrilla warfare
- Political institutions, constitutional design, parties and party systems, elections and electoral systems, presidentialism and parliamentarism
- Latin American politics, Latin American international relations, politics in developing countries
- Political philosophy: ancient, modern, and contemporary; the American Founding

Representative Publications and Presentations


Representative Honors and Awards Received

Dr. Kenney lived in Peru from 1978-79 and 1984-1991, was a Fulbright Fellow at the Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Peru in 2000, and is the past chair of the Peru Section of the Latin American Studies Association. He was a member of the Latin American Studies Association delegation of international electoral observers for the 2000 Peruvian elections and the National Democratic Institute and Carter Center joint international mission in 2001. Dr. Kenney won the 2006 Kinney-Sugg award as the Outstanding Professor in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Oklahoma.

Major Professional Affiliations

- American Political Science Association
- Latin American Studies Association