

# GONZAGA-IN-FLORENCE SYLLABUS

Course: ECON 306: Comparative Economic Systems  
Credits: 3 Credits  
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## **TEXTBOOK:**

S. Gardner, *Comparative Economic Systems*

## **SYLLABUS**

- 1 Economic Systems: Classification and Performance
- 2 Comparative Economic Statistics
- 3 History and Theories of Capitalism
- 4 History and Theories of Socialism
- 5 Economics of the Developing World
- 6 The United States: The Service Economy
- 7 Latina America: The Jaguars Awaken
- 8 The United Kingdom: Declining Capitalism
- 9 Germany: Unifying the Social Market
- 10 France: Planning in the Market Economy
- 11 Sweden: Whither the Welfare State?
- 12 The Political Economy of Soviet-Style Central Planning
- 13 Asia and the Pacific Area
- 14 Japan: Rebuilding After the Bubble
- 15 China: the Continuing Revolution
- 16 Africa: the Challenge of Development

## **CLASS METHODOLOGY**

Class methodology is based on: lectures, structured class discussions, readings, groupworks, oral presentations

## **CLASS PARTICIPATION AND ATTENDANCE**

Participation is a vital part of your grade, which means mandatory attendance. Students are also expected to participate actively and critically in class discussions, and the participation portion of the class will be graded accordingly. Students must read assignments before the class, and come in on time. Students are responsible for making up any missed assignments.

## **ASSESSMENT/GRADING POLICY**

The assessment method includes in-class participation, written papers, oral presentations, and weekly homework (reading of the assigned chapters of the textbook). Grades are based on a student's cumulative average calculated from attendance and in-class participation, a mid-term, an oral presentation and a final exam.

### **SUMMARY OF HOW GRADES ARE WEIGHTED:**

- 20% Group discussion/class participation
- 25% for the Midterm paper
- 25% for the Presentation
- 30% for the final exam