

# Indonesian Social and Political System

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This course is designed to give the student an overview of contemporary Indonesian social and political system with special focus on the contemporary Indonesian social and political issues and problems. It will present views from variety perspectives within social and political science as well as some of the current perspectives within the discipline.

By analyzing social and political system, and the relationship both of them, from variety perspective and approaches, it is hoped that the student will develop their own view and critical understanding (i.e., analytical) orientation toward the contemporary development of Indonesian social and political system.

Besides regular lectures, the course will include movie screening, student presentation following with class discussion, class project and other relevant activities. If there are questions about reading assignments or topics presented in class, please feel free to ask questions or make comments.

**ASSESSMENT:** Students are evaluated on their performance: attendance and participation in class discussions, the homework assignments, class projects, paper and exams.

There will be two exams during the course session: midterm exam and final exam, which are scheduled at the time assigned by the faculty. Each exam will consist of questions in both objective and subjective formats covering the material for both readings and lectures assigned during that portion of the course. The final exam may be slightly longer than the midterm exam, but it will be *take home exam*.

In addition to the two exams, there will be one short paper (7-10 pages) required. The short paper will be a scholarly interpretive analysis of a relevant social and political issue in Indonesia. More details of the paper will be given as the semester progresses. All papers must be typed and double-spaced. Hand-written copies will not be accepted.

**MAKE-UP POLICY:** Make-up exams are HIGHLY DISCOURAGED. If you miss an exam, you MUST contact me within 48 hours. If you fail to let me know

that you need a make-up exam, you will automatically receive a zero for the exam you missed.

**ATTENDANCE:** Your attendance at all class sessions is expected. Roll will be taken everyday. The lack of attendance may adversely effect your grade. University policy requires that to earn credit in a course the student must be officially enrolled and attend at least 75% of all class meetings. **Any student who is not present for at least 75% of the scheduled class sessions for any course, without any strong and acceptable reason, will automatically receive a grade of "D" in the course",**

**GRADES:** The following table shows the amount and weighting of each evaluation component in the course.

Attendance, Participation, Discussion	10%	Class Project	20%
Midterm Exam	20%		
Final Exams	30%		
Paper (7-10 pages)	20%		

Final grades will be assigned using the traditional grading scale (4,0 =A, 3,75+ = A-, 3,50=A/B, 3,0=B, 2,75=B-, 2,50=C+, 2,0=C, less than 2,0=D), with deviations at the lecturer's discretion. Students must submit all the required coursework in order to receive a final grade for the course.

**ACADEMIC INTEGRITY:** Any kind of cheating or plagiarism in this course absolutely **can NOT be tolerated** . Each student must pursue his or her academic goals honestly and be personally accountable for all submitted work. Representing another person's work as your own is always wrong, and those who did this kind of academic dishonesty will be automatically fail from this course.

## **COURSE OUTLINE**

**Topic 1: Introduction:** *Overview of the Course, Syllabus, Class Rules, Method etc.*

**Topic 2:** Understanding the Concept of Social and Political System

**Topic 3:** Contemporary Political and Social Problems in Indonesian

**Topic 4:** Ethnic, Region and Politics: The Problems of State and National Building (1) **Topic 5:** Ethnic, Region and Politics: The Problems of State and

National Building (2) **Topic 6:** Religion, Social, Cultural and Political Division

(1)

**Topic 7:** Religion, Social, Cultural and Political Division (2)

**Mid-term Exam** -----

**Topic 8:** Socio Economics Structure in Indonesian Politics

**Topic 9:** Democratization and Decentralization: Issues and Problems

**Topic 10:** New Indonesian Social and Political Movements: Traditional  
and Popular Cultural (1)

**Topic 11:** New Indonesian Social and Political Movements:  
News Issues (environment, feminism and others) (2)

**Topic 12:** Class Discussion (1)

**Topic 13:** Class Discussion (2)

**Topic 14:** Class Discussion (3), Closing and Evaluation Session

**Paper Due and Final Exam** -----

**Important Note:** During the second part of the course there will be a class project. This project will ask students (in group) to do a “mini field research” based on the topic assigned by the lecturer. The detail of this class project will be given during the first session of the course.

#### **TEXTBOOKS:**

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New York,  
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Yogyakarta, FISIPOL-UGM, 2004

Liddle, R. William, *Leadership and Culture in Indonesian Politics*, Sydney,  
Allen and Unwin, 1996

Manning, Chris and Peter Dierman, *Indonesia in Transition: Social Aspects of Reformasi and Crises*, Singapore, ISEAS, 2000

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Samuel, Hanneman and Henk Schulte Nordholt (Eds), *Indonesia in Transision: Rethinking "Civil Society", "Region", and "Crisis"*, Yogyakarta, Pustaka Pelajar, 2004