Subject Code	APSS1130 / APSS1BN31
Subject Title	Introduction to Politics
Credit Value	3
Pre-requisite / Co- requisite/ Exclusion	Exclusion: For students taking APSS1130, the exclusion subjects are APSS113, APSS1B31, APSS1BN31, APSS229 and GEC1B13 For students taking APSS1BN31, the exclusion subjects are APSS113, APSS1130, APSS1B31, APSS229 and GEC1B13
Objectives	This subject serves as a foundation course in the study of politics. The objectives are to introduce students to the fundamentals of political science, including the nature of politics, key concepts in political science, different political ideologies, classification and operation of different political systems, political institutions, and political culture. A comparative approach will be adopted in studying politics. Students will be able to learn how different politics are organized in democratic and non-democratic countries, and to compare different type of democracies, and authoritarian regimes. This subject will also help students to develop their analytical skills in tackling political issues and engaging in broad political questions and debates. The subject aims to enable students to: 1. acquire an understanding of the basic political concepts and processes that affect society; 2. develop their analytical skills in understanding political issues and political ideologies; 3. enhance their political awareness in a fast changing world.