

Information sheet for the course Political Science

University: <i>Alexander Dubček University of Trenčín</i>	
Faculty: <i>Faculty of Social and Economic Relations</i>	
Course unit code: <i>VSP21</i>	Course unit title: <i>Political Science</i>
Type of course unit: <i>compulsory</i>	
Planned types, learning activities and teaching methods: Form of study: <i>Lecture / seminar</i> Recommended scale of study (in hours): Weekly: <i>2 / 0</i> For the study period: <i>28 / 0</i> Study method: <i>in-class</i>	
Number of credits: <i>3</i>	
Recommended semester: <i>3. semester in the 2st year (full-time)</i> <i>5. semester in the 3rd year (part-time)</i>	
Degree of study: <i>I. (bachelor)</i>	
Course prerequisites: <i>none</i>	
Assesment methods: <i>Conditions for passing the subject are met in two phases: during the semester from seminars students can get 50 points and for a successful execution of the test they can also get 50 points. The final grade will come from the sum of the two ratings. During the semester, the student has the option of obtaining the following points: participation in seminars - 1 p, a total of 11 p; activity in discussions - 2 b, total - 22 p; seminar work with presentation - 8 p; written (s) test (s) - 9 p. Credit will not be given to a student who during the assessment during the semester has obtained less than 26 points, it means they are unable to take the final exam.</i>	
Learning outcomes of the course unit: <i>Student by completing the course will gain basic knowledge about politics and its place in society, the political life at home and in the world. Student will be able to handle the issue of origin and history of political thinking development, beginning with ancient Greek political thinking, through its Renaissance appearance up to the bourgeois ideology from its inception to the present. Also, the student will understand the human rights and freedoms issues, in addition to the possibility of redress when their possible violations.</i> <i>After successful completion of the learning process student will be able to draw conclusions about the political life at home and in the world, on the operation of political parties and politicians for the welfare of their voters and all citizens of the country. Student will have an overview of various political parties, figuring in the political system and will be able to find the way how to give the priority in political struggle, the culmination of which are elections whether to parliament, municipal parliaments (HTU), municipal councils and presidential elections. Student will be able to assess the foreign policy of our country to the world the other way around.</i>	
Course contents: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><i>1. Politics as a science of politics, its subject, research methods and functions.</i><i>2. The basic categories of political science.</i><i>3. Place and role of politics in society control.</i><i>4. Ideological and political resources of civil society.</i><i>5. Political ideologies and theories in history.</i><i>6. Characteristics of political system and its components.</i><i>7. Comparison of political systems in selected countries.</i><i>8. Place and role of minorities and pressure groups in politics.</i><i>9. Elections and electoral systems.</i>	

10. Democracy, dictatorship - different forms of social organization.

11. Fundamental human rights and their protection.

12. Characteristics of international relations.

13. Actual problems of foreign policy.

Recommended of required reading:

Krajňáková, E.: Úvod do vedy o politike. Elfa, Košice 2006

Krajňáková, E. – Lupták, M.: Politológia. Košice 2009

Krajňáková, E.: Politické systémy a história ich vývinu vo vybraných krajinách. Košice 2011

Cabada, L. a kol.: Úvod do studia politickej vedy. Eurolex Bohemia, Praha 2004

Koganová, V. – Leška, D.: Volby a volebné systémy. ŠPU, Bratislava 1994

Koganová, V. – Lid'ák, J.: Politológia pre ekonómov. SOFA, Bratislava 1998

Kulašík, P.: Dejiny politickeho myslenia. Bratislava 1991

Kučírek, J. a kol.: Základy politológie. Nitra 1998

Prorok, V. – Lisa, A.: Politologie. Vydavateľ A. Čeněk, Dobrá voda u Pelhřimova 2003

Scruton, R.: Slovník politickeho myšlení. Atlantis, Brno 1999

Weber, M.: Politika ako povolanie. Bratislava 1990

Language: Slovak

Remarks:

Course is offered in the winter semester of the second year of full-time and in the winter semester of the third year of external bachelor studies. Subject is mandatory

Evaluation history: 269

A	B	C	D	E	FX
10.78	11.15	19.7	20.82	30.48	7.06

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