

**Information sheet for the course
Comparative politics II (NL, ES, CH, IT)**

University: <i>Alexander Dubček University of Trenčín</i>	
Faculty: <i>Department of Political Science</i>	
Course unit code: <i>PLTP22</i>	Course unit title: <i>Comparative politics II (NL, ES, CH, IT)</i>
Type of course unit: <i>compulsory</i>	
Planned types, learning activities and teaching methods: <i>Lecture: 2 hours weekly/26 hours per semester of study; face to face</i>	
Number of credits: <i>3</i>	
Recommended semester: <i>5th semester in the 3rd year (full-time) 7th semester in the 4th year (part-time)</i>	
Degree of study: <i>I. (bachelor)</i>	
Course prerequisites: <i>PLTP1 – Introduction to Political Theory</i>	
Assesment methods: <i>Written form of exam. A: 40-36b, B: 35-32, C: 31-28b, D: 27-24b, E: 23-21b, FX: 20b and less.</i>	
Learning outcomes of the course unit: <i>Student is able to analyze political systems in the Netherlands, Switzerland, Spain and Italy. He/she is also able to explain specifics of individual democracies and understand the historical and political development in above-mentioned countries. The content of the course complies with requirements on profile of graduates as it is specified in accreditation document.</i>	
Course contents: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Introduction to course</i> 2. <i>Formation of the Netherlands' political system</i> 3. <i>Parliament in the Netherlands. Executive and judicial power. Local Government.</i> 4. <i>Party system of the Netherlands.</i> 5. <i>Formation of the Spanish political system</i> 6. <i>Relationship of legislature to other branches of power. Executive and judicial power. Local government</i> 7. <i>Party system of Spain.</i> 8. <i>Formation of Switzerland's political system.</i> 9. <i>Swiss parliamentarism. Relationship of legislature to other branches of power. Executive and judicial power. Local government.</i> 10. <i>Party system of Switzerland.</i> 11. <i>Formation of Italian political system.</i> 12. <i>Italian parliamentarism. Relation of legislative power to the other components of power. Executive and judiciary. Local government</i> 13. <i>Party system of Italy.</i> 	
Recommended of required reading: <i>DVOŘÁKOVÁ, V a kol.: Základní modely demokratických systémů. Praha : Oeconomica, 2008.</i> <i>ŘÍCHOVÁ, B.: Západoevropské politické systémy. Praha : Oeconomica, 2009.</i> <i>TÓTH, R.: Chuť moci vo svete. Bratislava : Smaragd, 2007.</i> <i>ALMOND, G. A. a kol.: Comparative Politics Today. A World View. New York : Pearson Publishing, 2004.</i> <i>WILSON, J.Q.: Jak se vládne v USA. Praha : Victoria Publishing, 1995.</i>	
Language: <i>Slovak</i>	

Remarks: *The subject is compulsorily for all the students. Seminar group consists of 20-25 students.*

Evaluation history:

It is a new subject in the study program.

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Lectures: *prof. Dr. Štefan Volner, CSc.*

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