

Information sheet for the course Methods of Empirical Research

University: <i>Alexander Dubček University of Trenčín</i>	
Faculty: <i>Department of Political Science</i>	
Course unit code: <i>PLTP24</i>	Course unit title: <i>Methods of Empirical Research</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> <i>Seminar: 2 hours weekly/26 hours per semester of study; face to face</i>	
Number of credits: <i>5</i>	
Recommended semester: <i>5. semester in the 3rd 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>Student will receive credits if he/she prepares himself/herself using required reading and writes the seminar work. Exam has a form of written test.</i> <i>A – 92 - 100</i> <i>B - 83 - 91</i> <i>C – 74 – 82</i> <i>D - 65 - 73</i> <i>E - 64 - 56</i>	
Learning outcomes of the course unit: <i>By completing the course student is able to use appropriate research techniques and methods and identify its risks and disadvantages.</i> <i>He/she knows how to operationalize variables to measurable form. Student understands the epistemological aspects of selected methods and its appropriate use and combination.</i>	
Course contents: <i>1. Introduction to the issue – what and how does the political science research?</i> <i>2. Science, relationship between experience and theory, methodology, hypothesis, testing</i> <i>3. Research design, operationalization of data</i> <i>4. Comparative method</i> <i>5. Qualitative method</i> <i>6. Quantitative method</i> <i>7. Epistemological aspects of research methods</i> <i>8. Rate of “quantitativeness” of data and scaling</i> <i>9. Observation as a research technique</i> <i>10. Analysis of documents as a research method</i> <i>11. Interview as a research method</i> <i>12. Questionnaire as a research method</i> <i>13. Complementarity of individual methods.</i>	
Recommended of required reading: <i>BERGER, L. P.: Pozvání do sociologie. Praha, 1991.</i> <i>DISMAN, M.: Jak se vyrábí sociologická znalost. Praha : Karolinum, 2006.</i> <i>HARRINGTON, A. a kol.: Moderní sociální teorie. Praha : Portál, 2006.</i> <i>JANDOUREK, J.: Úvod do sociologie. Praha : Portál, 2003.</i>	

KELLER, J.: *Dějiny klasické sociologie. Praha : 2005.*
 KELLER, J.: *Sociologie byrokracie a organizace. Praha, 1996.*
 KELLER, J.: *Úvod do sociologie. Praha, 2004.*
 ONDREJKOVIČ, P. a kol.: *Sociálna patológia. Bratislava, 2009.*
 POLONSKÝ, D.: *Stručné dejiny sociologického myslenia. B. Bystrica : FPVaMV, 1999.*
 SOPÓCI, J.-BÚZIK, B.: *Základy sociológie. Bratislava : Slovenské pedagogické nakladateľstvo. 1995.*
 SOPÓCI, J.-BÚZIK, B.: *Teórie sociálnej stratifikácie a mobility. Bratislava, 1999.*
Veľký sociologický slovník. I. a II. diel. Praha, 1997.

Language: *Slovak*

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

Evaluation history:

A	B	C	D	E	FX
12,83	15,79	18,42	15,13	23,68	14,14

Lectures: *doc. PhDr. Miroslav Špánik, CSc.*

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