

Information sheet for the course Political System of EU

University: <i>Alexander Dubček University of Trenčín</i>	
Faculty: <i>Department of Political Science</i>	
Course unit code: <i>PLTP28</i>	Course unit title: <i>Political System of EU</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>the 6th semester in the 3rd year (full-time)</i> <i>the 8th semester in the 4th year (part-time)</i>	
Degree of study: <i>I. (Bachelor's)</i>	
Course prerequisites: <i>PLTP19- History and Structure of European Integration</i>	
Assessment methods: <i>Writing and handing in an assigned seminar work in a good quality, its presentation and subsequent participation in combined exam. Credits are given only in case student meets all three criteria.</i>	
Learning outcomes of the course unit: <i>By completing the course student gained a basic knowledge about the development of political system before and after the EU creation, about the development of political dimension of European integration, about the separation of powers within the EU and functioning of its three pillars, about party system at the European level and about the basics of decision-making and legislative process (including comitology) in the EU.</i> <i>On the basis of acquired knowledge student is able to understand the basics of the development of main attributes regarding political dimension of European integration connected with formation and functioning of the EU political system. He/she also has basic knowledge about the functioning of constituent pillars separating power in the EU and also about the formation, functioning and activities of party system at the European level.</i>	
Course contents: <i>1. Introduction to the issue.</i> <i>2. Formation of political system by the creation of the EU.</i> <i>3. The European Defense Community and the European Political Community.</i> <i>4. European political union.</i> <i>5. European Political Cooperation.</i> <i>6. Cooperation on internal security.</i> <i>7. Formation of the EU, development and functioning of the political system, separation of powers.</i> <i>8. Executive power.</i> <i>9. Legislative power.</i> <i>10. Judicial power.</i> <i>11. Party system.</i> <i>12. Decision-making and legislative process in the EU.</i> <i>13. Contemporary issues and problems of the EU political system.</i>	
Recommended of required reading: <i>COLIN, H. – MENON, A.: European Politics. Oxford : Oxford University Press, 2007.</i> <i>FIALA, P. – PITROVÁ, M.: Evropská unie. Brno : Centrum pro studium demokracie a kultury, 2003.</i> <i>GERBET, P.: Budování Evropy (translation from French language). Praha : Nakladatel'stvo Karolinum</i>	

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HRIVÍK, P.: *Strategické štúdie Európskej únie I. Ban. Bystrica : Právnická fakulta UMB, 2005.*

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HRIVÍK, P.: *Súdny dvor ES – aktivizujúci a etizujúci faktor európskeho práva. In: Mamojka, M.- Chovanec, J.(eds.): Etika ako podmienka efektivity práva. Banská Bystrica : PrF UMB, 2005. s. 165-174.*

HRIVÍK, P.: *Politická a bezpečnostná dimenzia vo vývoji európskej integrácie. Habilitation. Právnická fakulta UMB, Banská Bystrica, máj 2008.*

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KÖNIG, P. – LACINA, L. – PŘENOSIL, J.: *Učebnice evropské integrace. Praha : Barrister@Principal, 2007.*

PRODI, R.: *Idea Evropy (preklad z taliančiny). Praha : Barrister@Principal in cooperation with Centrum strategických studií, 2003.*

RIFKIN, J.: *Evropský sen (preklad z angličtiny). Praha : ELK, 2005.*

SCHELLE, K. a kol.: *Historie integračních koncepcí a jejich vyústění v realitě EU. Ostrava : KEY Publishing s. r. o., 2007.*

Founding treaties of the EC and the EU and their revisions of Amsterdam, Nice and Lisboa. Journals: Comparative European Politics, European Affairs, West European Politics a pod. Web sites of European institutions.

Language: Slovak or Czech language

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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