

**Information sheet for the course
Political System of Nordic Countries**

University: <i>Alexander Dubček University of Trenčín</i>	
Faculty: <i>Department of Political Science</i>	
Course unit code: <i>PLTPV18</i>	Course unit title: <i>Political System of Nordic Countries</i>
Type of course unit: <i>compulsorily optional</i>	
Planned types, learning activities and teaching methods: <i>Seminar: 2 hours weekly/26 hours per semester of study; face to face</i>	
Number of credits: <i>3</i>	
Recommended semester: <i>the 5th semester in the 3rd year (full-time) the 7th semester in the 4th year (part-time)</i>	
Degree of study: <i>I. (Bachelor's)</i>	
Course prerequisites: <i>none</i>	
Assessment methods: <i>Presentation – 30%, active participation – 20%, tests during semester – 50%. A: 100-91b, B: 90-81b, C: 80-71b, D: 70-61b, E: 60-51b.</i>	
Learning outcomes of the course unit: <i>By completing the course student is acquainted with specifics of Scandinavian region lying in geopolitical area of North Europe. He/she is able to analyze the development and functioning of North European political systems of Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland and Iceland and prognosticate possible directions of future development.</i>	
Course contents: <i>1. Introduction to the issue of the Nordic region. 2. Historical development and shaping of Sweden as a constitutional monarchy. The current political system of Sweden. 3. Development of Norwegian constitutional monarchy. Formation of the Norwegian parliamentary democratic political system. 4. Constitutional developments of the political system in Denmark. Denmark as a constitutional monarchy. 5. Historical development and the formation of parliamentarianism in Finland. Finnish political system. 6. Formation of parliamentary democracy in Iceland. The political system of the Republic of Iceland. 7. Local government and local government, administrative subdivisions and municipal areas in the Nordic countries. 8. Electoral systems of Nordic region. 9. Political parties and party systems of the Nordic countries. 10. Nordic cooperation. 11. Position of the Nordic countries to the European integration. 12. Position of the Scandinavian countries in international politics. 13. Final discussion and granting credit.</i>	
Recommended of required reading: <i>AYLOTT, N., BERGMAN, T., BLOMGREN, M.: Political Parties in Multi-level Polities: The Nordic Countries Compared. New York : Palgrave Macmillan, 2013. INGEBRIDSEN, CH.: Scandinavia in World Politics (Europe Today). Rowman & Littlefield Publisher, Inc., 2006. PERSSON T., WIBERG, M.: Parliamentary Government in the Nordic Countries at a Crossroads. Santérus Academic Press, 2013. SCARPULLA, C.: The contitutional framework for the autonomy of Åland. A Survey of the Status</i>	

of an Autonomous Region in the throes of European Integration, 2002.
The Constitutional Act of Denmark.
http://www.stm.dk/Index/mainstart.asp/_p_10992.html
The Constitution of Finland.

Language: *English*

Remarks: *The course is provided only in the case it is chosen by at least 16 students.*

Evaluation history:

It is a new subject in the study program.

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