

## Information sheet for the course Rhetoric

<b>University:</b> <i>Alexander Dubček University of Trenčín</i>	
<b>Faculty:</b> <i>Department of Political Science</i>	
<b>Course unit code:</b> <i>PLTVP2</i>	<b>Course unit title:</b> <i>Rhetoric</i>
<b>Type of course unit:</b> <i>compulsorily optional</i>	
<b>Planned types, learning activities and teaching methods:</b>  <i>Seminar: 2 hours weekly/24 hours per semester; face to face</i>	
<b>Number of credits:</b> <i>3</i>	
<b>Recommended semester:</b> <i>the 1<sup>st</sup> semester in the 1<sup>st</sup> year (full-time)</i> <i>the 1<sup>st</sup> semester in the 1<sup>st</sup> year (part-time)</i>	
<b>Degree of study:</b> <i>I. (bachelor)</i>	
<b>Course prerequisites:</b> <i>none</i>	
<b>Assessment methods:</b> <i>Continuous assessment: individual work - 40%.</i> <i>Final assessment: test - 60 %.</i>	
<b>Learning outcomes of the course unit:</b> <i>This course <b>provides</b> students basics of rhetoric with regard to its using in political science occupation; <b>information</b> about the mission of rhetoric. It puts emphasis on verbal and non-verbal communication, oral presentation, rhetoric, choice of words. Analysis of famous political speech in seminars: improvement of rhetorical skills (writing of speech and its presentation).</i>	
<b>Course contents:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Term and history of rhetoric I. Ancient Greece and Rome.</i></li> <li>2. <i>Term and history of rhetoric II. Middle Ages and Renaissance.</i></li> <li>3. <i>Classification of speech.</i></li> <li>4. <i>Language, speech, communication (relationships among them).</i></li> <li>5. <i>Verbal communication.</i></li> <li>6. <i>Non-verbal communication (gestures, facial expressions).</i></li> <li>7. <i>Breathing, creation of voices, pronunciation, intonation, pace)</i></li> <li>8. <i>Psychotherapy of stage fright, negatives, positives, own evaluation.</i></li> <li>9. <i>Personality of speaker.</i></li> <li>10. <i>Ethics, culture and technique of speech.</i></li> <li>11. <i>Rhetoric as a tool of political activity.</i></li> <li>12. <i>Speaker and listener – their mutual relationship.</i></li> <li>13. <i>Presentation, lecture, discussion.</i></li> </ol>	
<b>Recommended or required reading:</b> <i>ARISTOTELES: Rétorika. Martin : Thetis, 2009.</i> <i>CICERO, M. T.: Rečník. Reči proti Catilinovi. Filipiky a iné. Bratislava : Tatran, 1982.</i> <i>Demosthenes: Reči na sněmu. Praha : Arista Baset, 2002.</i> <i>HOLIC, Š.: Rétorika. Nitra : Enigma, 1999.</i> <i>ŠMAJSOVÁ BUCHTOVÁ, B.: Rétorika – vážnosť mluveného slova. 2. vydání. Praha : Grada, 2009.</i> <i>URBANOVÁ, M. – VECERA, M. – HUNGR, P.: Základy rétoriky pro právníky. Brno : Masarykova univerzita, 2009.</i>	

*MISTRÍK: Rétorika. Bratislava : SPN, 1980.*

**Language:** *Slovak language*

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

**Evaluation history:**

A	B	C	D	E	FX
100	0	0	0	0	0

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