

Information sheet for the course Theory of Political Parties

University: <i>Alexander Dubček University of Trenčín</i>	
Faculty: <i>Department of Political Science</i>	
Course unit code: <i>PLTP14</i>	Course unit title: <i>Theory of Political Parties</i>
Type of course unit: <i>compulsorily</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 3rd semester in the 2nd year (full-time)</i> <i>the 5th semester in the 3rd year (part-time)</i>	
Degree of study: <i>I. (Bachelor's)</i>	
Course prerequisites: <i>none</i>	
Assessment methods: <i>Writing a Paper.</i>	
Learning outcomes of the course unit: <i>Students can recognize basic concepts of political parties theory and can trace history of political parties as key actor of political life of parliamentary democracies.</i> <i>Students are able to define terms such as political party, social cleavages, stages of political party development, political party families, and apply them in analysis of political competition.</i> <i>They can compare approaches to the political parties used by Weber, Kirchheimer, Rokkan, or Sartori.</i>	
Course contents: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Basic Concepts of Theory of Political Parties.</i> 2. <i>Methods of Studying of Political Parties.</i> 3. <i>Functions of Political Parties.</i> 4. <i>Classification of Development Types of Political Parties.</i> 5. <i>Social Cleavages of Stein Rokkan.</i> 6. <i>Postmaterialism.</i> 7. <i>Political Parties According to G. Sartori.</i> 8. <i>Political Party and Political Movement.</i> 9. <i>Political Party Systems.</i> 10. <i>Competitive Party Systems.</i> 11. <i>Non Competitive Party Systems.</i> 12. <i>Ideology and Ideological Hybrids According to A. Heywood.</i> 13. <i>Electoral Systems.</i> 	
Recommended of required reading: <i>DANČÁK, B. - FIALA, P.: Nacionalistické politické strany v Evropě.</i> <i>FIALA, P., HOLZER, J., STRMISKA, M. a kolektiv: Politické strany ve střední a východní Evropě.</i> <i>HLOUŠEK, V., KOPEČEK, L.: Konfliktní demokracie.</i> <i>KLÍMA, M.: Volby a politické strany v moderních demokraciích.</i> <i>MALÍŘ, J., MAREK, P. a kolektiv: Politické strany – Vývoj politický stran a hnutí v českých zemích a Československu, 1. díl: období 1861 – 1938.</i> <i>MALÍŘ, J., MAREK, P. a kolektiv: Politické strany – Vývoj politický stran a hnutí v českých zemích a Československu, 2. díl: období 1938 – 2004.</i> <i>STRMISKA, M. a kolektiv: Politické strany moderní Evropy.</i> <i>STRMISKA, M.: Postkomunistické stranické soustavy a politická pluralita. Sartori, G.: Teória demokracie. Bratislava, 1993.</i>	

Language: <i>Slovak, English</i>					
Remarks: <i>The subject is compulsorily for all the students. Seminar group consists of 20-25 students.</i>					
Evaluation history: <i>Total number of evaluated students: 206</i>					
A	B	C	D	E	FX
12,62	12,62	19,42	20,87	26,70	7,77
Lecturers: <i>doc. PhDr. PaedDr. Karol Janas, PhD. – Lectures.</i> <i>PhDr. Miroslav Řádek – Seminars.</i>					
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