

Information sheet for the course Current Issues of Slovak Politics

University: <i>Alexander Dubček University of Trenčín</i>	
Faculty: <i>Department of Political Science</i>	
Course unit code: <i>PLTV15</i>	Course unit title: <i>Current Issues of Slovak Politics</i>
Type of course unit: <i>optional</i>	
Planned types, learning activities and teaching methods: <i>Lecture: none</i> <i>Seminar: 2 hours weekly/26 hours per semester of study; face to face</i>	
Number of credits: <i>2</i>	
Recommended semester: <i>the 4th semester in the 2nd year (full-time)</i> <i>the 4th semester in the 2nd year (part-time)</i>	
Degree of study: <i>II. (Master's)</i>	
Course prerequisites: <i>none</i>	
Assessment methods: <i>Preparation and presentation of the seminar paper is the condition for completing the course.</i>	
Learning outcomes of the course unit: <i>The course is aimed at the mastering of analytical skills for various levels of politics. University students enhanced themselves knowledge in various spheres of public life including municipal and regional politics, the President elections in the SR, and the European Parliament elections. The next theme emerges from establishing the government of one party in 2012 what evokes discussion on the typology of the Slovak party system. The engaging of the young in political parties is a collateral theme. Journalistic ethics together with engaged journalism belongs to the actual issues. In regard to multiethnic composition of population in Slovakia, minority policy is another ordinary issue. The end of the course will belong to chosen ethnic dilemmas and their resonating in Slovak politics, and to the acting of extremists.</i>	
Course contents: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Municipal politics in the SR – a case study</i> <i>2. Regional politics in the SR – a case study</i> <i>3. Elections of the President of the SR</i> <i>4. Elections into the European Parliament</i> <i>5. Political parties in the SR</i> <i>6. Youth policy</i> <i>7. Participation of women in Slovak politics</i> <i>8. Media and engaged journalism</i> <i>9. Conceptual frameworks and results of the solving of minority policies</i> <i>10. Ethnic themes in Slovak politics</i> <i>11. Activities of right-wing political extremism</i> <i>12. Activities of left-wing political extremism</i> <i>13. Final seminar</i> 	
Recommended of required reading: <i>BOWIE, F. Antropologie náboženství. Praha : Portál. 2008.</i> <i>BÚTORA, M. – KOLLÁR, M. – MESEŽNIKOV, G. – BÚTOROVÁ, Z. Kde sme? Mentálne mapy Slovenska. Bratislava : Kalligram, 2010.</i>	

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 NOVÁK, M. – LEBEDA, T. a kolektiv. *Volební a stranické systémy ČR v mezinárodním srovnání*. Plzeň : Vydavatelství a nakladatelství Aleš Čeněk, 2004.
 SARTORI. G. *Strana a stranické systémy*. Brno : Centrum pro studium demokracie a kultury, 2005
 STAROŇOVÁ, K. – SIČÁKOVÁ-BEBLAVÁ, E. *Verejná politika a miestna samospráva – Štyri princípy spravovania*. Bratislava : Ústav verejnej politiky Fakulty sociálnych a ekonomických vied Univerzity Komenského v Bratislave, 2006.
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Language: *English, Slovak*

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

Evaluation history:

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

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