

Information sheet for the course Diploma Thesis

University: <i>Alexander Dubček University of Trenčín</i>	
Faculty: <i>Department of Political Science</i>	
Course unit code: <i>PLTP17</i>	Course unit title: <i>Diploma Thesis</i>
Type of course unit: <i>compulsory</i>	
Planned types, learning activities and teaching methods: <i>Lecture: none</i> <i>Seminar: 2 hours weekly; face to face</i>	
Number of credits: <i>4</i>	
Recommended semester: <i>the 4th semester in the 2nd year (full-time)</i> <i>the 6th semester in the 2nd year (part-time)</i>	
Degree of study: <i>II. (Master's)</i>	
Course prerequisites: <i>none</i>	
Assessment methods: <i>A student is getting assessment for the fulfilling of partial tasks given by a supervisor of a diploma thesis and consequently for the handed over diploma thesis. The course "Diploma thesis" also includes defending the diploma thesis which is a part of the state examination. Final defense assessment is usually a result of judgment of the supervisor, judgment of the thesis reviewer and defending the thesis in front of the state commission pursuant to the Educational Rules of the Trenčín University of Alexander Dubček in Trenčín. A supervisor of diploma thesis takes into consideration an assessment of Defense Commission in evaluating the course "Diploma Thesis"</i>	
Learning outcomes of the course unit: <i>A student is acquainted with techniques of the citing and marking of bibliography references to avoid plagiarism. At the same time on the basis of lectures, he should learn the fundamental essentials of the diploma thesis, comprehend and know to create a clear and logical structure of an expert text. Last but not least, a student is expected to be able, in an exploratory part of his work, to use adequate methods of data collection and consequently to utilize them.</i> <i>On the ground of cooperation with a supervisor, a student has also the improved and cleared structure of the thesis and the consulted scheduling of his activities till handing the thesis over.</i> <i>The result of completing the course consists in the student's capability to hand over a final version of the diploma paper with all essentials which are prescribed in the Methodical Guidelines No. 56/2011 and internal documents of the Trenčín University of Alexander Dubček in Trenčín and of the Political Science Department.</i>	
Course contents: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><i>1. Introductory lesson, informing students on conditions of acquiring credits and on themes of the course</i><i>2. Determination of concepts, definitions, specifications and types of expert texts</i><i>3. Theoretical paradigms</i><i>4. Data collection methods I.</i><i>5. Data collection methods II.</i><i>6. Structure of an expert text</i><i>7. Essentials of various parts of an expert text</i><i>8. Formulation of goals, research issues and hypotheses</i><i>9. Methods of data processing</i><i>10. Presentation of findings or outcomes</i><i>11. Techniques of the citing, writing bibliography references</i>	

12. *Formal layout of the expert text*
 13. *Structured interview and discussion*

Recommended of required reading:

BABBIE, E.: *The practice of Social Research*. Wandsworth : Thomson, 2007
 BRYMAN, A.: *Quantity and Quality in Social Research*. New York : Routledge, 2004.
 DISMAN, M.: *Jak se vyrábí sociologická znalost*. Praha : Karolinum, 200.0
 GAVORA, P A KOL.: *Elektronická učebnica pedagogického výskumu*. Univerzita Komenského, 2010. Dostupné na: <http://www.e-metodologia.fedu.uniba.sk/>
 KVAPIL, M. – MÄSIAR, P.: *Ako písať záverečné práce*. Bratislava : Metodicko-pedagogické centrum. 2010. Dostupné na http://www.mpc-edu.sk/library/files/ako_pisat_zav_prace_final_skratene2_6.pdf
 MÄSIAR, P.: *Požiadavky na úpravu záverečných prác a bibliografické odkazy*. 2005.
 KATUŠČÁK, D.: *Ako písať vysokoškolské a kvalifikačné práce*. Stimul : Bratislava, 1998.

Language: *English, Slovak*

Remarks: *The course is compulsory for all students.*

The Diploma Thesis course is performed by some consultations of a student with a supervisor of the diploma thesis who, at the same time, evaluates the student's work in the course of the semester.

Evaluation history:

A	B	C	D	E	FX
84,66	10,05	3,7	0	1,06	0,53

Lecturers: *Mgr. Pavol Struhár, corresponding supervisors of theses*

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