

Information sheet for the course Diploma Thesis Seminar

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>Diploma Thesis Seminar</i>
Type of course unit: <i>compulsory</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>3</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>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. A student obligatorily attends lectures which devote themselves to singular themes being connected with creation of a diploma thesis.</i> <i>Assessments: "A" – 100-93 points; "B" – 92-84 p; "C" – 83-75 p; "D" – 74-65 p; "E" – 64-56 p; "FX" – 55 p and less.</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 a 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. Finally, a student gained ability to formulate aims and research issues of his diploma paper. 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.</i>	
Course contents: <i>1. Introductory lesson, informing students on conditions of acquiring credits and on themes of the course</i> <i>2. Determination of concepts, definitions 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> <i>12. Formal layout</i> <i>13. Evaluating the course</i>	
Recommended of required reading: <i>BABBIE, E.: The practice of Social Research. Wandsworth : Thomson. 2007</i> <i>BRYMAN, A.: Quantity and Quality in Social Research. New York : Routledge. 2004</i> <i>DISMAN, M.: Jak se vyrábí sociologická znalost. Praha : Karolinum, 2000</i> <i>GAVORA, P a kol.: Elektronická učebnica pedagogického výskumu. Univerzita Komenského,</i>	

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 KVAPIL, M. – MÄSIAR, P.: *Ako písať záverečné práce*. Bratislava : Metodicko-pedagogické centrum. Dostupné na
http://www.mpc-edu.sk/library/files/ako_pisat_zav_prace_final_skratene2_6.pdf
 MÄSIAR, P. 2005. *Požiadavky na úpravu záverečných prác a bibliografické odkazy*. 2005.
 KATUŠČÁK, D. 1998. *Ako písať vysokoškolské a kvalifikačné práce*. Bratislava, Stimul. 1998.

Language: *English, Slovak*

Remarks:

The Diploma Thesis Seminar is performed by some consultations of a student with a supervisor of the diploma thesis. In the course of the semester, there is a set of annual lectures to the problem of creation of diploma papers which are compulsory for students and a supervisor takes them into consideration in a final assessment of the course.

Evaluation history:

A	B	C	D	E	FX
87,67	9.69	1,76	0	0,88	0

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

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