

Information sheet for the course
Methodology of Research in Political Science

University: <i>Alexander Dubček University of Trenčín</i>	
Faculty: <i>Department of Political Science</i>	
Course unit code: <i>PLTP2</i>	Course unit title: <i>Methodology of Research in Political Science</i>
Type of course unit: <i>compulsory</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 1st semester in the 1st year (full-time)</i> <i>the 1st semester in the 1st year (part-time)</i>	
Degree of study: <i>II. (Master's)</i>	
Course prerequisites: <i>none</i>	
Assessment methods: <i>Seminar work, attendance and oral exam are evaluated.</i> <i>Seminar work: 20 points. Attendance: 20 points. Oral exam: 40 points.</i> <i>Grades: A: 80-75 points; B: 74-70 points; C: 69-65 points; D: 64-60 points; E: 59-55 points. It necessary to have at least 10 points for seminar work and 10 points for attendance.</i>	
Learning outcomes of the course unit: <i>The students have information and concrete instructions how to realize research in political science and how to use results of such research and to analyze and explicate them objectively. Students are prepared to solve the tasks of research character in their thesis.</i>	
Course contents: <i>1. Basic terms of methodology.</i> <i>2. Criteria in methodology.</i> <i>3. Character and definition of research.</i> <i>4. Conceptual tasks of methodology.</i> <i>5. Schemes of research.</i> <i>6. Elaboration of results of research.</i> <i>7. Assessment and interpretation of results.</i> <i>8. Areas of research of political communication.</i> <i>9. Qualitative attitude to research of political communication.</i> <i>10. Quantitative attitude to research of political communication.</i> <i>11. Basic research methods.</i> <i>12. Evaluation of subject.</i> <i>13. Assessment of seminar works.</i>	
Recommended of required reading: <i>ONDREJKOVIČ, P.: Úvod do metodológie sociálnych vied. Bratislava : VEDA, 2006. BENČO, J.: Metodológia vedeckého výskumu. Bratislava : IRIS, 2001.</i> <i>KOMÁRIK, E.: Metódy vedeckého poznávania človeka. Bratislava : UK 2002.</i> <i>DRULÁK, P. a kol.: Jak zkoumat politiku. Praha : Portál, 2008.</i> <i>PUNCH, KEITH, F.: Úspěšný návrh výzkumu. Praha : Portál, 2008.</i> <i>PUNCH, KEITH, F.: Základy kvantitativního šetření. Praha : Portál, 2008.</i> <i>TRAMPOTA, T. - VOJTĚCHOVSKÁ, M.: Metódy výzkumu médií. Portál, 2010.</i> <i>DISMAN, M.: Jak se vyrábí sociologická znalost. Praha : Nakladatelství Karolinum, 2002.</i> <i>PLICHTOVÁ, J.: Metódy sociálnej psychológie zblízka : Kvalitatívne a kvantitatívne skúmanie sociálnych reprezentácií. Bratislava : MÉDIA, 2002.</i>	

DISMAN, M.: Úvod do společenského výzkumu. Praha : Státní pedagogické nakladatelství, 1964.

JANOŮŠEK, J.: Metody sociální psychologie. Praha : Státní pedagogické nakladatelství Praha, 1986.

Language: *Slovak, English*

Remarks: *The subject is compulsory for all the students. Seminar group consists of 20-25 students.*

Evaluation history:

A	B	C	D	E	Fx
24,61	20,42	20,94	20,42	9,95	3,66

Lecturers: *PhDr. Marcel Lincényi, PhD.*

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