

**Information sheet for the course**  
**Research in Politics – Practical Aspects**

<b>University:</b> <i>Alexander Dubček University of Trenčín</i>					
<b>Faculty:</b> <i>Department of Political Science</i>					
<b>Course unit code:</b> <i>PLTV2</i>			<b>Course unit title:</b> <i>Research in Politics – Practical Aspects</i>		
<b>Type of course unit:</b> <i>optional</i>					
<b>Planned types, learning activities and teaching methods:</b> <i>Seminar: 2 hours weekly/26 hours per semester of study; face to face</i>					
<b>Number of credits:</b> <i>2</i>					
<b>Recommended semester:</b> <i>the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester in the 1<sup>st</sup> year (full-time)</i> <i>the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester in the 1<sup>st</sup> year (part-time)</i>					
<b>Degree of study:</b> <i>II. (Master's)</i>					
<b>Course prerequisites:</b> <i>none</i>					
<b>Assessment methods:</b> <i>Seminar work and its presentation. Active participation. Final test.</i>					
<b>Learning outcomes of the course unit:</b> <i>Student is able to apply theoretical and methodological knowledge to solve practical issues and problems of the society. The course offers possibility to identify practical aspects of the research of the politics, to understand interconnection, risks and potential of the research in case studies. Student is able to do practical political research.</i>					
<b>Course contents:</b> <i>1. Introduction.</i> <i>2. Terms and definitions.</i> <i>3. Theoretical paradigms.</i> <i>4-5. Qualitative research.</i> <i>6-7. Quantitative research.</i> <i>8. Data evaluation.</i> <i>9. Presentation of conclusions.</i> <i>10. Risks and limits of research methods.</i> <i>11-13. Presentations of seminar works.</i>					
<b>Recommended of required reading:</b> <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, 2010. Dostupné na: <a href="http://www.e-metodologia.fedu.uniba.sk/">http://www.e-metodologia.fedu.uniba.sk/</a>.</i> <i>PECÁKOVÁ I., NOVÁK I., HERZMANN J.: Pořizování a vyhodnocování dat ve výzkumech veřejného mínění, VŠE Praha 2004.</i> <i>ŠRÁMEK, L.: Výskum verejnej mienky – politika-média, Bratislava : MIC, 2000.</i>					
<b>Language:</b> <i>Slovak, English</i>					
<b>Remarks:</b> <i>The course is provided only in the case it is chosen by at least 16 students.</i>					
<b>Evaluation history:</b>					
A	B	C	D	E	FX
0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Lecturers:</b> <i>Mgr. Marian Bušša</i>					
<b>Last modification:</b> <i>June 30, 2014</i>					
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