

Course Profile - Department of International Relations

Course Number: POLS 101	Course Title: Introduction to Political Science
Required / Elective : Required	Pre / Co-requisites : -
Description: This course is designed to familiarize students with some of the key concepts, issues and subject matters of political science.	Textbook / Required Material : Andrew Heywood (2007) <i>Politics</i> , Palgrave Macmillan, Third edition
Course Structure / Schedule : (3+0+0) 3 / 6 ECTS	
Extended Description: This course is designed to familiarize students with some of the key concepts, issues and subject matters of political science. These include nature and methodology of political science, political ideologies, political institutions and political behaviour, political parties, democracy and political participation, elections and voting behaviour, state and bureaucracy.	
Design content : None	Computer usage: Not required
<p>Course Outcomes:</p> <p>By the end of this course, students will be able:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To gain a basic understanding of key concepts in politics and political science • To become familiar with important ideas, issues and actors in politics and political science • To be able to understand and evaluate current political issues and debates • To improve the ability of thinking, speaking and writing about political issues 	
Teaching methods: Lectures	
Course Outline	
Week	Topics
1	Introduction to Political Science
2	Is Political Science a Science? Approaches
3	Theories of Political Science
4	Political Ideologies I
5	Political Ideologies II
6	State and Institutions I
7	State and Institutions II
8	Contemporary Political Regimes I
9	Contemporary Political Regimes II
10	Political Culture
11	Political Parties, Interest Groups, and Social Movements I

12	Political Parties, Interest Groups, and Social Movements II
13	Political Economy I
14	Political Economy II
15	Review: The Study of Politics

Assessment methods:

Mid-term exam	35%
Final exam	40%
Quizzes	15%
Attendance and class participation	10%

Contribution of Course Learning Outcomes to Program Outcomes

	Program Outcomes	*Level of Contribution				
		1	2	3	4	5
IR1	Understand the fundamental concepts and theories of the field of International Relations and be able to apply them to historical and current events			X		
IR2	Understand the historical processes of political structures and institutions		X			
IR3	Be able to follow the world political conjuncture					X
IR4	Grasp the structures and functions of international/regional/intergovernmental organizations				X	
IR5	Be able to analyze the dynamics that form the political substructure of various events and phenomena, as well as their effects	X				
IR6	Understand the international legal framework	X				
IR7	Grasp and question the causes and consequences of economic developments and their impact on international relations	X				
PS1	Understand the fundamental concepts and theories of the field of Political Science and be able to apply them to historical and current events					X
PS2	Understand the historical processes, structures, and functions of political institutions		X			
PS3	Be able to analyze the dynamics that form the political substructure of various events and phenomena, as well as their effects					X
PS4	Understand the mechanisms of political change (such as voting, lobbying, political movements, legal reforms, revolution, etc.)					X
PS5	Possess knowledge about those fundamental issues that		X			

	shape political and societal life (such as race, gender, class, environment, security, religion, identity, etc.)					
PS6	Acknowledge that political phenomena can be explained differently by different schools of thought			X		
PS7	Grasp and question the causes and consequences of economic developments and their impact on politics			X		
8	Think independently, creatively, and critically					X
9	Be an entrepreneur and take initiative	X				
10	Have self-confidence		X			
11	Have the ability to carry out systematic comparisons and rightly differentiate similarities and differences			X		
12	Be open-minded and prepared to work together with people from different cultures and groups			X		
13	Be aware and a follower of social responsibilities as well as political rights and freedoms			X		
14	Internalize work ethics and behave accordingly		X			
15	Be able to speak and deliver presentations in front of public	X				
16	Understand, read, and write in English				X	
17	Have the ability to observe, analyze, and report		X			
18	Be able to implement the principles and methods of scientific research	X				
19	Understand and interpret statistical data	X				
20	Be prone to team work	X				
21	Possess computer and technological literacy	X				

*1 Lowest, 2 Low, 3 Average, 4 High, 5 Highest

Student workload:

Reading	66 hrs
Lectures	39 hrs
Exam preparations	40 hrs
Examinations	5 hrs
TOTAL	150 hrs (25x6)

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