

Course Profile - Department of International Relations

Course Number : POLS 312	Course Title : Political Sociology
Required / Elective : elective	Pre / Co-requisites : n/a
Catalog Description: Social formation of the modern state. The effect of social inequality among groups on politics. The impact of social movements and trends outside of formal institutions on politics; power in small groups. Major social trends and their implications.	Textbook / Required Material : reader provided by the instructor
Course Structure / Schedule : (3+0+0) 3 / 6 ECTS	
<p>Extended Description :</p> <p>This course will explore the relationships between the state and the society, from three major theoretical schools: structuralist, statist, and cultural perspectives. From these perspectives, the class will analyze the political activities of social classes, racial and ethnic groups, genders, elites, masses, gays, religious, and other groups. The course will explore how new trends such as globalization affect these activities, and as a result, policies on issues including welfare, health care, international trade, information policy, education, abortion, criminal justice, defense, foreign policy, and so on.</p>	
Design content : none	Computer usage: required
<p>Course Outcomes:</p> <p>By the end of this course, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the major theoretical perspectives on state-society relations • Understand the social processes behind different state types and political systems • Appreciate the struggles, achievements and failures of groups of people in trying to influence power structures • Conduct research on outside cases to understand them with the theoretical knowledge gained in the class, and present research findings in the form of a research paper and class presentation 	
<p>Teaching methods:</p> <p>Lectures, class discussion, videotapes/slides</p>	
<p>Assessment methods:</p> <p>Class participation: 10%</p> <p>Midterm exam: 30%</p> <p>Reports and Presentations: 20%</p> <p>Final exam: 40%</p>	

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 shape political and societal life (such as race, gender, class, environment, security, religion, identity, etc.)					X
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	63 hrs
Lectures	42 hrs
Presentations	25 hrs
Writings	15hrs
Examinations (midterm and final)	5 hrs
TOTAL	150 hrs (25X6) 6 ECTS

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