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ECTS CARD

STUDY PROGRAMME(S) / STUDY TRACK(S)

Master of Arts in European Interdisciplinary Studies
Master of Arts in European Interdisciplinary Studies (Study Track: European Security and Strategy)
Master of Arts in Transatlantic Affairs (Study Track: European Interdisciplinary Studies)
Master of Arts in Transatlantic Affairs (Study Track: European Interdisciplinary Studies - European Security and Strategy)

YEAR

2026-2027

COURSE TITLE

Introduction to Political Science

SEMESTER

1

PROFESSOR(S)

HAMMAMI Amel & STEINGASS Sebastian

ACADEMIC ASSISTANT(S)

STEINGASS Sebastian

COURSE TYPE

Introductory Course

MAJOR(S)

Not applicable

ECTS CREDITS

0

TEACHING HOURS

0

INDIVIDUAL & GROUP STUDY TIME

8

TUTORIAL(S)

0

COEFFICIENT

0

LANGUAGE(S)

EN

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The primary aim of this introductory course is to provide students with a solid knowledge and understanding of the basic concepts in political science.

This course is designed primarily for students who have no previous academic background in political science. However, it equally offers an opportunity to refresh and systematize knowledge in this discipline for those who have already studied political science or other social science disciplines. The course combines elements of political theory, political sociology, and comparative politics.

The course serves as a starting point for further studies in European studies and more specifically in the framework of the EIS programme.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the end of the course, the students will be able to:

- 1) Understand the main theoretical approaches and concepts in political science and their ideological foundations (A1, B7, MATA1.1).
- 2) Analyse the differences between types of regimes, democracy, and institutions of the state (A1, B7, MATA1.1).
- 3) Understand the main forms and determinates of political behaviour and participation (A1, B7, MATA1.1).

- 4) Differentiate between and apply foundational methodological approaches to the study of politics (A1, B7, MATA1.1).

RECOMMENDED PREPARATION

None.

TEACHING METHOD(S)

E-learning.

ASSESSMENT METHOD(S)

None.

COURSE CONTENTS

Module 1: Definitions of politics and political science.
Module 2: Political ideologies, the state, and regimes.
Module 3: Political behaviour and participation.
Module 4: Political science in practice.

COURSE MATERIALS (readings and other learning resources/tools)

Course materials include videos, readings (articles and chapters), interactive materials, and quizzes.