



STUDY PROGRAMME

European Interdisciplinary Studies, Natolin campus (Advanced Academic Master)

YEAR

2023-2024

COURSE TITLE

Introduction to Political Science

SEMESTER

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COURSE PROFESSOR(S)

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ACADEMIC ASSISTANT(S)

TBC

COURSE TYPE

Introductory Course

MAJOR(S)

Not applicable

ECTS CREDITS

no ECTS

TEACHING HOURS

TBC

INDIVIDUAL & GROUP STUDY TIME

TUTORIAL(S)

COEFFICIENT

not applicable

LANGUAGE(S)

EN

COURSE OBJECTIVE

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

This introductory course is foremost designed 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 should serve as a starting point for further studies in the area of European studies and more specifically in the framework of the EIS programme.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Students will be able to:

- Understand the essence of politics,
- Identify key politics thinkers,
- Identify the role of the state,
- Explain how political legitimacy is acquired,
- Describe different types of democracy,
- Define the different types of regimes.

A1: Students acquire an understanding of the disciplines of history, political science, law, economics and international relations, including relevant theories, methodologies and techniques from related sub-disciplines, which is sufficient for them to study the European Union in particular and European Studies more generally on an interdisciplinary, cross-disciplinary and multi-disciplinary basis at an advanced level.

B7: Students acquire necessary basic competences in e-learning tools, can adapt to suspensions of face-to-face contacts, and develop the research and communication skills needed to reach diverse goals, individually and in groups, in hybrid and electronic environments.

RECOMMENDED PREPARATION

None

TEACHING METHOD(S)

E-learning content and materials: pre-recorded lectures and Readings

ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA

Not applicable

COURSE CONTENTS

1. What is politics
2. Political ideas and ideologies,
3. Politics and the state
4. Democracy and Legitimacy
5. Political Regimes

COURSE MATERIALS (readings and other learning resources/tools)

Essential reading: HEYWOOD Andrew, Politics, 5th Edition, London: Red Globe Press, 2019.

Other useful textbooks:

- GODDIN Robert E., The Oxford Handbook of Political Science, Oxford University Press, 2011.
- HELD David, Models of Democracy, 3rd Edition, Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2006.
- HAGUE Rod, HARROP Martin, and McCORMICK John, Comparative Governance and Politics: An Introduction, 11th Edition, London: Macmillan International Higher Education, 2019.
- HEYWOOD Andrew, Key Concepts in Politics and International Relations, 2nd Edition, London: Palgrave, 2015.