

Subject	INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL SCIENCE			
	Type	Semester	ECTS	Code
	(M)	I	5	
Lecturer				
Purposes and Objectives	<p>This course aims to acquaint students with the basic vocabulary of this science and, in particular, with the basic concepts of politics; with state institutions and non-governmental organizations; ideologies and political systems; democracy and different models of democratic governments; the way political actors act and how political preferences and interest groups are formed; electoral systems and how the latter shape the behavior of political actors; international relations and human rights. At the end of this course, students will be well informed about the structure of politics, its basic concepts and nature, the state and government and the behavior of political actors in modern times.</p>			
Learning Outcomes	<p>After completing this course, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know and understand the basic vocabulary of political science; • Ability to explain and summarize policy models and the behavior of political actors; • Attitude and apply the basic concepts and nature of politics; 			
Content	Weekly plan			Week
	Course introduction; Introduction to the syllabus; Semester assignments and commitments etc			1
	What is politics?			2
	Governments, systems and regimes			3
	Political ideologies / Democracy			4
	State / Nations and nationalism			5
	Local politics			6
	World politics			7
	Summary of the subject and preparation for the first exam			8
	Economy and society			9
	Political culture and legitimacy			10
	Representation, elections and voting / Party and party systems / Groups, interests and movements			11
	Constitutions, law and judiciary / Assemblies / Political executives /			12
	Army and police			13
	Political process and system performance			14
Second exam			15	

Teaching methods	Activity			(%)	
	1. Lectures			25%	
	2. Case studies			20%	
	3. Independent learning			35%	
	4. Exams			20%	
Methods of assessment	Evaluation activity		Number	Week	(%)
	1. First exam	1	8	45%	
	2. Second exam	1	15	45%	
	3. Attendance at lectures	15	Every week	5%	
	4. Activation in lectures	15	Every week	5%	
Resources and means of concretization	Tools			Number	
	1. Class (e.g)			1	
	2. Projector			1	
	3. Moodle			1	
Loads and activities	Type of activity		Weekly hours	Total load	
	1. Lectures		2	30	
	2. Exercises		1	15	
	3. Consultations		1	15	
	4. Independent learning		4	55	
	5. Test		2	10	
Literature / References	Basic literature:				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andrew Heywood, "Politika", Prishtinë, 2008. 				
	Additional literature:				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mark Carl Rom, Masaki Hidaka, Rachel Bzostek Walker, "Introduction to Political Science", Houston, 2022. Andrew Heywood, "Politics", fifth edition, London, 2019. W. Phillips Shively, "Power and Choice: An introduction to political science", fifteenth edition, London, 2019. Rod Hague, Martin Harrop, John McCormick, "Political Science: A Comparative Introduction", eighth edition, New York, 2016. W. Philips Shiveley, "Hyrje në Shkenca Politike", Tiranë, 2012. Ellen Grigsby, "Analyzing politics: An introduction to Political Science", fifth edition, USA, 2012. Jean-Marie Denquin, "Hyrje në Shkenca Politike", Tiranë, 2010. Donatella Della Porta, "Bazat e shkencës politike", Prishtinë, 2006. Max, Weber, "Politika si profesion", Shkup, 2006. Robert Alan Dahl, "Poliarkia – pjesëmarrja dhe opozita", Tiranë, 2005. Hysamedin Feraj, "Shkenca politike – një hyrje", Tiranë, 2004. 				
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