Subject	POLITICAL PARTIES AND ELECTORAL SYSTEMS			
	Type	Semestri	ECTS	Kodi
	(E)	III	4	
Course Lecturer				

Aims and Objectives	The object of the study of this subject is to study and deal with issues related to electoral systems as well as political parties as important actors of democracy and elections. It also consists in familiarizing students with the theoretical and practical bases of elections, as one of the main elements of democracy and the role of political parties in this process, electoral models and electoral dynamics, with the methods, regulations and legal positivism, the obligations of citizens to vote, in conditions of democracy and civic democracy, the types of elections This course aims to: • Familiarize students with constitutional principles and knowledge of electoral systems in a comparative aspect; • Familiarity with constitutional and legal rules and principles regarding elections; • Acquaintance with the constitutional and legal principles of the organization of political parties; • Understanding the role of political parties in a constitutional system; Acquaintance with the constitutional and democratic principles of the functioning of political parties
Learning outcomes	**After completing this course, students should be able to:** • Understand the importance of elections and know electoral systems; • Understand the organization and importance of political parties in a constitutional system; • Understand the principles of organizing elections; • Understand the importance of political parties in the development of democracy; • Understand the profiling of political parties. • Gain sufficient knowledge about the importance and role of the electoral political system • Distinguish the relationship between democracy and the rule of law

	Course plan	Week
Course Content	**Entry** • Syllabus elaboration: course content, method, organization and course requirements.	1
	The meaning of political parties and their constitutional importance • What are political parties • Social function of parties • Political parties and democracy • Political parties and parliamentarism	2
	Organization of political parties: Divisions, typology and party ideology • Ideology of political parties • Structure of political parties • Types of political parties	3
	Profile of European Parties • The political family of liberals • Conservatism • Social democracy	4
	Political parties in new democracies • Political parties and social changes • Parties and interest groups • Criteria for stability and success of the parties' role	5
	Political parties in Kosovo • Political organization in Kosovo • Internal democracy in political parties in	6

	Kosovo • Organizational structure of political parties in Kosovo **Midterm exam** **The concept, importance and functions of elections in democratic systems and authoritarian systems** • Definitions for electoral systems • Presentation and development of electoral systems • Electoral systems and constitutions **The development of electoral systems and the right to vote** • The electoral right • Political effects of the election system • Model of elections	7 8
	The midterm exam	

	The party and electoral system in Kosovo and Albania • Party and electoral system in Kosovo • Places reserved for minorities in Kosovo • Party and electoral system in Albania	9
	Majority and proportional system of elections • Majority system • Proportional system • Democracy as the power of the people	10
	The role of media and NGOs in electoral processes • Media election campaign • The role of NGOs in election processes • Political debates in the media	11
	Electoral system in USA, Germany, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Electoral System in the European Union • The electoral system in developed European countries • The electoral system in the USA	12
	Review, presentations by students and preparation for the final exam	13
	Final exam	14

Teaching/learning methods	Learning activity	Weight(%)
	lectures	70%
	seminar	20%
	problem-based learning	10%
	TOTAL	100%

Assessment methods	Assessment methods	Pesha (%)
	Participation in Lectures and Activities	10 %
	Seminar paper	20%
	Midterm tests	70%
	TOTAL	100 %
	Final exam	100%
	Total	100%
Course resources	Recources	
	Classroom - Projector - Table	1
	Study visit	1
	Moodle	1
	Flashlight	1

ECTS workload	Activity type		
	Lectures	24 h	10 %

	Literature research	26 h	11 %
	Seminary work	30 h	12 %
	Independent study	100 h	42 %
	Group work	20 h	8 %
	Case studies	30 h	12 %
	Taking the exam	10 h	5 %
	TOTAL	240 h	100.0 %
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