

COURSE SYLLABUS

1. Information about the study program

1.1 University	Babeş-Bolyai University
1.2 Faculty	Faculty of History and Philosophy
1.3 Department	International Studies and Contemporary History
1.4 Field of study	Security Studies
1.5 Study cycle (BA/MA)	BA
1.6 Study program/Qualification	Security Studies

2. Information about the subject

2.1 Course title	Introduction to Political Science							
2.2 Course tutor	Lect. dr. Dacian Duna							
2.3 Seminar tutor	Lect. dr. Dacian Duna							
2.4 Year of study	1	2.5 Semester	1	2.6 Type of assessment	E	2.7 Course status	Contents	
							Mandatory	DF

3. Total estimated time (teaching hours per semester)

3.1 Number of hours per week	3	of which: 3.2 course	2	3.3 seminar/laboratory	1
3.4 Total number of hours in the curriculum	42	of which: 3.5 course	28	3.6 seminar/laboratory	14
Time distribution					Hours
Study based on textbook/course manual/recommended reading/personal notes					12
Additional research in the library, by accessing scientific databases, or during field work					8
Preparation for seminars/laboratory classes, essays, portfolios and reports					10
Tutoring					4
Assessment (examinations)					10
Other activities					
3.7 Total hours for individual study		44			
3.8 Total hours per semester		100			
3.9 Number of credits		4			

4. Prerequisites (if necessary)

4.1 Curriculum	Not the case
4.2 Skills	Not the case

5. Conditions (if necessary)

5.1. For delivering lectures	• -
5.2. For teaching seminars/laboratory classes	• -

6. Acquired specific competences

Professional competences	<p>C1. Applying the foundations of social and political theories in understanding, analysing and evaluating socio-political organization</p> <p>C4. Effective interpretation and use of information in public and private organizations</p>
Transversal competences	<p>CT1. Management of information specific to solving complex tasks in context (receiving, transmitting, processing, storing information in profile documents), including by using at an advanced level a language of international circulation and at an intermediate or advanced level a second foreign language;</p> <p>CT2. Application of efficient work techniques in multidisciplinary team corresponding to various hierarchical levels</p>

7. Course objectives (derived from the specific competences acquired)

7.1 General objective of course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Familiarizing students with the main paradigms of political science, the most important theories, methods and topics of work, as well as with the most important political scientists and their representative works in an applied context.
7.2 Specific objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good knowledge of basic concepts in the field; Applying the knowledge gained in conducting the seminar based on stimulating methods interactivity, structured dialogue and teamwork; Stimulating the development of skills and abilities necessary for the political analyst;

8. Contents

8.1 Lectures	Teaching methods	Remarks
Introduction: the concept of political science. What is politics?	Presentation/debate	
Basic concepts in political science	Presentation/debate	
Political ideologies	Presentation/debate	
The State	Presentation/debate	
Political regimes	Presentation/debate	
Constitutions and constitutional systems	Presentation/debate	
Democracy	Presentation/debate	
Political Parties	Presentation/debate	
Elections (1)	Presentation/debate	
Elections (2)	Presentation/debate	
Interest groups	Presentation/debate	
Political Communication	Presentation/debate	
Public opinion	Presentation/debate	
Recap	Presentation/debate	
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8.2 Seminars	Teaching methods	Remarks
Introduction: the concept of political science. What is politics?	debate/analysis	
Basic concepts in political science	debate/analysis	
Political ideologies	debate/analysis	
The State	debate/analysis	
Political regimes	debate/analysis	
Constitutions and constitutional systems	debate/analysis	
Democracy	debate/analysis	
Political parties	debate/analysis	
Elections (1)	debate/analysis	
Elections (2)	debate/analysis	
Interest group	debate/analysis	
Political communication	debate/analysis	
Public opinion	debate/analysis	
Recap	debate/analysis	
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9. Validating course contents based on the expectations of epistemic communities, professional associations and of potential employers related to the field of study.

- The discipline was developed in accordance with the works in the field, published in the country and abroad;
- Some of the topics in the course include relevant issues that are the subject of concern of relevant institutions or international scientific conferences, including debates in international journals.

10. Assessment (examination)

Type of activity	10.1 Assessment criteria	10.2 Assessment methods	10.3 Weight in the final grade
10.4 Lecture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • - knowledge of topics and bibliography • - capacity for analysis and synthesis 	Written Exam	70%
10.5 Seminar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • knowledge of major concepts in the field of political science / knowledge of the ideas formulated by the forerunners and the main schools, currents and representatives of political science; • - understanding of electoral systems; understanding constitutional systems; 	colloquy Seminar paper	30%
10.6 Basic performance standard			
- knowledge of major concepts in the field of political science / knowledge of the ideas formulated by the forerunners and the main schools, currents and representatives of political science;			
Organizational details, exceptional situation management:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • - 			
Date	Course tutor's signature	Seminar tutor's signature	

Date of department endorsement	Head of department's signature	
Date of Dean's endorsement	Signature of the vice-Dean in charge	Faculty stamp