

Course Name : Introduction to Political Sciences							
Course Code	Course Type	Regular Semester	Lecture (hours/week)	Seminar (hours/week)	Lab. (hours/week)	Credits	ECTS
PLS 101	N/A	Fall	3.00	0.00	0.00	3.00	5.00
Lecturer		Ferdinand Xhaferaj, PhD					
Assistant							
Course language		Albanian					
Course level		Program i Integruar					
Description		PLS 101 është projektuar për t'i prezantuar studentëve lëndën e shkencave politike. Lënda ka tre kredite dhe fokusohet në historinë, fushën e veprimit dhe metodat që përdoren në shkencën politike. PLS 101 përbëhet nga katër blloqe bazë: 1. Së pari, lënda eksploron se çfarë është shkenca politike dhe shpjegon metodat shkencore në studimin e politikës. 2. Së dyti, lënda fokusohet në konceptet e shkencës politike, duke adresuar më në detaje koncepte si forca, shteti, kombi dhe duke debatuar mbi këto koncepte. 3. Së treti, lënda analizon teorinë politike, mendimtarët kryesorë politikë dhe ideologjitë kryesore politike. 4. Së katërti, lënda do të krahasojë sistemet politike, partitë politike, sistemet zgjedhore dhe do të shpjegojë grupet e interesit.					
Objectives		Politics is often commented on as a necessary evil. But what is politics? What is the impact of politics on society and what is the relationship between politics and governance? What is the impact of politics on the good functioning of institutions? The course will elaborate the above questions in a critical way with the aim of realizing three main objectives: PLS 101 will refine students' understanding and perception of the role of politics. PLS 101 will elaborate on concepts such as power, the state, governance, sovereignty, and legitimacy with a special focus on democracy. The course will introduce students to the main differences between a democratic and non-democratic regime. PLS 101 will explain how political institutions work and how political behavior and institutions interact to create the political product. Therefore, the course is designed to expand students' knowledge of contemporary political issues.					
Core Concepts		1. Politics 2. Scientific Methods in Politics 3. Force 4. Political Theories 5. Ethics 6. Democracy 7. liberalism, 8. conservatism, 9. Socialism 10. Fascism 11. Nazism 12. Feminism, 13. Postmodernism 14. Environmentalism 15. Political Parties 16. Interest Groups					
Course Outline							
Week	Topic						
1	Introduction to the course						
2	What is the Political Science? Aim and Objectives						
3	Scientific Methodology in politics: (A historical development in the political science)						
4	Scientific Methodology in politics: (Thought in a scientific methodology for politics)						
5	Main Concepts in political Science: Power and its way to exercise						
6	Main Concepts in political Science: Nation and State						
7	Political Theory: explanation of ethics in politics						
8	“Wise man” in political science						
9	Midterm Exam						
10	Political Ideology: Liberalism; Conservators and Socialism						

11	Political Ideology: Fascist and Nazism
12	Feminist, postmodernism and environment
13	Comparative Politics 1: Governance Systems: Democracy and Non-Democratic Regimes
14	Comparative Politics 2: Interest Groups, Political Parties and Elections
15	Comparative Politics 3: Interest Groups, Political Parties and Elections
16	Final Exam
Prerequisites	The student must attend the course at a minimum rate of 75%.
Literature	• Andrew Heywood, "Key Concepts in Politics" Andrew Heywood, "Politics, 3e" S. Hix and M. Whiting, "Introduction to political science" • Ellen Grigsby (2009) An Introduction to Political Science, Wadsworth Cengage Learning. Info at: http://www.nicat-mammadli.narod.ru/b1.html/b35.pdf • S. Hix and M. Whiting (2012) Introduction to political science. University of London
References	• David Beetham (2013) The Legitimation of Power 2nd Edition. Palgrave Macmillan • Juan J. Linz (1978) The Breakdown of Democratic Regimes. The Johns Hopkins University Press. Baltimore and London • Juan J. Linz & Alfred Stepan (1996) Problems of Democratic Transition and Consolidation. The Johns Hopkins University Press. Baltimore and London • Peter Fritzsche, Germans into Nazis. Harvard University Press (1998).. • Zeev Sternhell, The Birth of Fascist Ideology. Princeton University Press (1995). • John Baylis, Steve Smith & Patricia Owens. The Globalization of World Politics. Oxford University Press (2011). • Arend Lijphart. Patterns of Democracy. Yale University Press (1999).
Course Outcome	
1	Studentët do të njihen me konceptet baze dhe natyrën e politikës, shtetin dhe qeverinë, bazuar në teoritë moderne të shkencave politike.
2	Studentët do të njihen me modelet e politikës dhe sjelljen e aktorëve politikë.
3	Studentët do të marrin njohuritë bazë mbi parimet e marrëdhënieve ndërkombëtare dhe të drejtave të njeriut.
4	Studentët do të formojnë njohuritë bazë dhe do të përgatiten për studime të mëtejshme të thelluara në shkencat politike.

Course Evaluation			
In-term Studies	Quantity	Percentage	
Midterms	1	40	
Quizzes	0	0	
Projects	0	0	
Term Projects	0	0	
Laboratory	0	0	
Class Participation	0	0	
Total in-term evaluation percent			40
Final exam percent			60
Total			100
ECTS Workload (Based on Student Workload)			
Activities	Quantity	Duration (hours)	Total (hours)
Course duration (Including the exam week: 16x Total hours of the course)	16	3	48
Study hours outside the classroom (Preparation, Practice, etc.)	14	4	56
Duties	0	0	0
Midterms	1	10	10
Final Exam	1	15	15
Other	0	0	0
Total Work Load			129
Total Work Load / 25 (hours)			5.16
ECTS			5.00