

<u>Course title</u>	<i>Policy and state political relations in EU countries</i>
<u>Course code</u>	PolZ4005
<u>Credit points</u>	4
<u>ECTS creditpoints</u>	6
<u>Total Contact Hours</u>	64
<u>Number of hours for lectures</u>	32
<u>Number of hours for seminars</u>	32

Course abstract

The course introduces the concepts and categories of policy (politics, government, political system, copper, etc.), the theoretical problems of scientific research methods and methodological approaches; in addition the course provides information on Latvian, Lithuanian, Belarusian and Russian political system, regime, political culture, as well as performs realpolitical analysis of the situation.

Learning outcomes

Students gaining knowledge in political science and topical issues of realpolitics in Eastern Europe:

1. get acquainted with comparative political science basic categories, development stages and the main tasks;
2. are able to analytically and critically judge the international and regional political developments, discuss the contemporary political actualities;
3. know national external and internal factors influencing foreign and home politics;
4. are able to express and defend constantly developing opinions through academic and other sources;
5. are able to discuss about country developing alternatives, personality in pole politics and individual's place in the political process.

Course plan

Lecture topics (32 hours.)

1. Introduction to political science. Political science in the science system. Political science subject and its objectives. The course aims, objectives and structure.
2. Political science theoretical problems. History of theories.
3. Political science sources. Poland, Belarus brief socio-political and socio-economic characteristics. Cultural paradigm.
4. Short Russian, Latvian and Lithuanian socio-political and socio-economic characterisation. Cultural paradigm.
5. Political concept. Politics object and the subject. Politics objective and subjective boundaries. Politics effectiveness.
6. The politics structure. Political typology. Politics types and shapes. Political means.
7. State concept. The state as a political institution. The separation of powers principle and structure of the state apparatus. State forms.
8. Polish, Belarusian, Russian, Latvian and Lithuanian national theoretical characterization.
9. Ideology. Types of ideology (conservative, social democratic ideology, liberalism).
10. Types of ideology (nationalism, "ecologism", "without - ideology" ideology). State ideology. State analysis of ideology.
11. Political regimes and their typology. Political regimes in Poland, Belarus, Russia, Latvia and Lithuania - characteristics and comparative analysis.
12. Political system. The political elements of the system. The political system in Poland, Belarus, Russia, Latvia and Lithuania. Economics and politics.
13. Power in the political system. Power phenomenon. Political power.
14. Political power legitimacy. Power structure. Political power resources (funds).
15. Political culture. Political cultural elements. Political cultural paradigm in Latvia, Lithuania, Russia and Belarus.
16. Introduction to geopolitics. Geopolitics and realpolitik. Global and regional organizations: EU, NATO, the CIS, Shanghai organization, etc.

Seminar topics (32 h.):

1. Political theory of history: 19th - 20th century thinkers.
2. Political ideologies: conservatism.
3. The political ideologies: social democratic ideology.
4. Political ideology: liberalism.
5. Political ideology: nationalism.
6. Political ideology: "ecologism" and postmodern political ideology.
7. Political regime: totalitarianism and the "escape from freedom".

8. Political regime: authoritarianism and the "stability ideal".
9. Political regime: democracy and "participatory choice problem."
10. Global organizations: the European Union's concerns and perspectives.
11. Global organizations: NATO - global challenges and "identity" searches.
12. Global Organizations: BRIC'S - the opposite of the "old" world, or ...?
13. Poland. Russian, Belorussian, Latvian and Lithuanian relations perspectives - national or global?
14. Intergovernmental relations analysis: historical, behaviouristic and system approach.
15. Interstate relations Analysis: Polish, Russian, Belorussian, Latvian and Lithuanian relations perspective.
16. Current global political problems.

Requirements for awarding credit points

Participation in lectures 30%, participation in seminars, presentation preparation and presentation - 50%, exam - 20%

Course content

Political science system. Political Science sources. Policy concept. State concept. Ideology. Political regimes and their typology. Political system. Copper in the political system. Political culture. Geopolitics. Global and regional organizations. Analysis of inter-state relations. Poland. Russia, Belarus, Latvian and Lithuanian relations perspectives and models.

Compulsory reading

1. Ārente H. Totalitārisma izcelsme. Rīga: Zvaigzne ABC, 2000.
2. Ašmanis, M. Politikas terminu vārdnīca. Rīga, 1999.
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Further reading

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4. Catlaks, G. Politika un tiesības: Eksperimentāla mācību grāmata. Rīga, 2003.
5. Cerps, U. Politiskās partijas demokrātiskā sistēmā: Zviedrijas pieredze. Rīga, 1993.
6. Chalfant, H.P., LaBeff, E. Understanding People and Social Life. New York, etc., 1988.
7. Chernilo, D. A Social Theory of the Nation-State. The Political Forms of Modernity beyond Methodological Nationalism. London: Routledge, 2007.
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9. Chilcote, R.H. Theories of Comparative Politics. Westview Press Inc. 1994.
10. Cik demokrātiska ir Latvija: Demokrātijas audīts / Zin. red. J. Rozenvalds. Rīga, 2005.
11. Cīpeliuss, R. Vispārējā mācība par valsti. Rīga, 1998.
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Magazines: Sociālo Zinātņu Vēstnesis (DU SZF SPI žurnāls), Latvijas Zinātņu Akadēmijas Vēstnesis, Acta Universitatis Latviensis, Social Indicators Research, International Politics

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