

## Faculty of Political Science / INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS / Methodology of Political Science

| Course:                          | Methodology of Political Science   |          |              |   |  |  |  |  |
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| Course ID                        | Course status  | Semester | ECTS credits | Lessons (Lessons+Exe<br>cises+Laboratory) |  |  |  |  |
| 12590                            | Mandatory  | 1        | 6            | 2+2+0                                     |  |  |  |  |
| Programs                         | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS  |          |              |   |  |  |  |  |
| Prerequisites                    | None.  |          |              |   |  |  |  |  |
| Aims                             | The goal of the course is for students to gain insight into the diversity of theoretical and methodological approaches in political science.   |          |              |   |  |  |  |  |
| Learning outcomes                | After passing the exam, students will be able to: understand basic theoretical approaches in political sciences; understand the ontological and epistemological positions of different methods; understand the process of designing, planning and implementing empirical research; understand the problems of qualitative and quantitative approaches; be able to independently plan and conduct research in the field of political science. |          |              |   |  |  |  |  |
| Lecturer / Teaching<br>assistant | Dr Marko Dokić, dr Nemanja Stankov   |          |              |   |  |  |  |  |
| Methodology                      | Lessons, exercises, discussions and homework.  |          |              |   |  |  |  |  |
| Plan and program of<br>work      |  |          |              |   |  |  |  |  |
| Preparing week                   | Preparation and registration of the semester   |          |              |   |  |  |  |  |
| I week lectures                  | Ontology and epistemology  |          |              |   |  |  |  |  |
| I week exercises                 | Discussions, practical work.   |          |              |   |  |  |  |  |
| II week lectures                 | Behaviorism  |          |              |   |  |  |  |  |
| II week exercises                | Discussions, practical work.   |          |              |   |  |  |  |  |
| III week lectures                | Rational choice theory   |          |              |   |  |  |  |  |
| III week exercises               | Discussions, practical work.   |          |              |   |  |  |  |  |
| IV week lectures                 | Institutionalism   |          |              |   |  |  |  |  |
| IV week exercises                | Discussions, practical work.   |          |              |   |  |  |  |  |
| V week lectures                  | Feminism   |          |              |   |  |  |  |  |
| V week exercises                 | Discussions, practica  | l work.  |              |   |  |  |  |  |
| VI week lectures                 | Interpretative theory  |          |              |   |  |  |  |  |
| VI week exercises                | Discussions, practical work.   |          |              |   |  |  |  |  |
| VII week lectures                | Marxism  |          |              |   |  |  |  |  |
| VII week exercises               | Discussions, practical work.   |          |              |   |  |  |  |  |
| VIII week lectures               | Normative theory   |          |              |   |  |  |  |  |
| VIII week exercises              | Discussions, practical work.   |          |              |   |  |  |  |  |
| IX week lectures                 | Mid-term exam  |          |              |   |  |  |  |  |
| IX week exercises                | Mid-term exam  |          |              |   |  |  |  |  |
| X week lectures                  | Comparative method   |          |              |   |  |  |  |  |
| X week exercises                 | Discussions, practical work.   |          |              |   |  |  |  |  |
| XI week lectures                 | Qualitative research   |          |              |   |  |  |  |  |
| XI week exercises                | Discussions, practical work.   |          |              |   |  |  |  |  |
| XII week lectures                | Quantitative research  |          |              |   |  |  |  |  |
| XII week exercises               | Discussions, practical work.   |          |              |   |  |  |  |  |
| XIII week lectures               | Combining qualitative and quantitative research  |          |              |   |  |  |  |  |
| XIII week exercises              | Discussions, practical work.   |          |              |   |  |  |  |  |
| XIV week lectures                | Mid-term retake  |          |              |   |  |  |  |  |



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| XIV week ex  | kercises               | Mid-term retake   |   |   |   |                                       |  |  |  |
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| XV week led  | ctures                 | Final exam  |   |   |   |                                       |  |  |  |
| XV week ex   | ercises                | Final exam  |   |   |   |                                       |  |  |  |
| Student w  | orkload                | 2P+2V   |   |   |   |                                       |  |  |  |
| Per week   |                        | Per semester  |   |   |   |                                       |  |  |  |
| <ul> <li>6 credits x 40/30=8 hours and 0 minuts</li> <li>2 sat(a) theoretical classes</li> <li>0 sat(a) practical classes</li> <li>2 excercises</li> <li>4 hour(s) i 0 minuts</li> <li>of independent work, including consultations</li> </ul> |                        |   | Classes and final exam:<br>8 hour(s) i 0 minuts x 16 =128 hour(s) i 0 minuts<br>Necessary preparation before the beginning of the semester<br>(administration, registration, certification):<br>8 hour(s) i 0 minuts x 2 =16 hour(s) i 0 minuts<br>Total workload for the subject:<br>6 x 30=180 hour(s)<br>Additional work for exam preparation in the preparing exam period,<br>including taking the remedial exam from 0 to 30 hours (remaining time from<br>the first two items to the total load for the item)<br>36 hour(s) i 0 minuts<br>Workload structure: 128 hour(s) i 0 minuts (cources), 16 hour(s) i 0<br>minuts (preparation), 36 hour(s) i 0 minuts (additional work) |   |   |                                       |  |  |  |
| Student obligations  |                        |   | Mid-term and exams, homework, attending lectures and exercises.   |   |   |                                       |  |  |  |
| Consultations  |                        |   | As needed.  |   |   |                                       |  |  |  |
| Literature   |                        |   | Required readings: David Marsh/Gerry Stoker (eds.): Theories and Methods<br>of Political Science, Zagreb, New York, Palgrave Macmillan, 2002. Suggested<br>readings: Additional literature from practice classes, and presentations from<br>lectures.   |   |   |                                       |  |  |  |
| Examination methods  |                        | Mid-term exam - 40 points Homework - 10 points Final exam - 50 points |   |   |   |                                       |  |  |  |
| Special remarks  |                        |   |   |   |   |                                       |  |  |  |
| Comment  |                        |   |   |   |   |                                       |  |  |  |
| Grade:   | F                      | E   | D   | С   | В   | А                                     |  |  |  |
| Number<br>of points  | less than 50<br>points | greater than or<br>equal to 50 points<br>and less than 60<br>points   | greater than or<br>equal to 60 points<br>and less than 70<br>points   | greater than or<br>equal to 70 points<br>and less than 80<br>points | greater than or<br>equal to 80 points<br>and less than 90<br>points | greater than or<br>equal to 90 points |  |  |  |