

Faculty of Political Science / COMPARATIVE POLITICS / Methodology of Political Science

Course:	Methodology of Political Science			
Course ID	Course status	Semester	ECTS credits	Lessons (Lessons+Exercises+Laboratory)
12590	Mandatory	1	6	2+2+0
Programs	COMPARATIVE POLITICS			
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 assistant	Dr Marko Dokić, dr Nemanja Stankov			
Methodology	Lessons, exercises, discussions and homework.			
Plan and program of 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, practical 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			

XIV week exercises	Mid-term retake					
XV week lectures	Final exam					
XV week exercises	Final exam					
Student workload	2P+2V					
Per week			Per semester			
6 credits x 40/30=8 hours and 0 minuts 2 sat(a) theoretical classes 0 sat(a) practical classes 2 excercises 4 hour(s) i 0 minuts of independent work, including consultations			Classes and final exam: 8 hour(s) i 0 minuts x 16 =128 hour(s) i 0 minuts Necessary preparation before the beginning of the semester (administration, registration, certification): 8 hour(s) i 0 minuts x 2 =16 hour(s) i 0 minuts Total workload for the subject: 6 x 30=180 hour(s) Additional work for exam preparation in the preparing exam period, including taking the remedial exam from 0 to 30 hours (remaining time from the first two items to the total load for the item) 36 hour(s) i 0 minuts Workload structure: 128 hour(s) i 0 minuts (cources), 16 hour(s) i 0 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 of Political Science, Zagreb, New York, Palgrave Macmillan, 2002. Suggested readings: Additional literature from practice classes, and presentations from lectures.			
Examination methods			Mid-term exam - 40 points Homework - 10 points Final exam - 50 points			
Special remarks						
Comment						
Grade:	F	E	D	C	B	A
Number of points	less than 50 points	greater than or equal to 50 points and less than 60 points	greater than or equal to 60 points and less than 70 points	greater than or equal to 70 points and less than 80 points	greater than or equal to 80 points and less than 90 points	greater than or equal to 90 points