

## Political Sociology

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Department assigned to the subject: Social Analysis Department

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Type: Electives ECTS Credits : 6.0

Year : Semester :

## REQUIREMENTS (SUBJECTS THAT ARE ASSUMED TO BE KNOWN)

Knowledge of General Sociology and Political Science.

## OBJECTIVES

- General approach to the historical evolution of the principal authors and lines of theoretical analysis of Society and the State.
- Study of the interrelationships between different levels of the most significant political dynamics: economic, organizational, ideological and symbolic.
- Understanding the processes of the sociopolitical and cultural transformation of the current globalized societies.
- Rethinking the problems and effects of political processes in contemporary society.
- Development of the new political sociology concept and of specific issues related to the recent globalization conflicts.
- Critical and reflective appraisal of the major issues and problems of today's society.

## DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

1. Introduction: concepts of political sociology
2. Political parties.
3. Other social actors and leverage groups.
4. The media and electoral campaigns.
5. The electoral systems.
6. Electoral behavior.
7. Political studies and electoral polls

## LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

The training activities and methodology to be used in the knowledge of political sociology preferentially focus on reading, work presentations and discussions on the agenda which integrates the subject studies programme. In class, various audiovisual materials will also be shown to encourage participation and the discussion of the issues raised and worked on.

Likewise, tutorials will address the role of collective and individual interests and the issues arising during the course subject.

## ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

<b>% end-of-term-examination/test:</b>	50
<b>% of continuous assessment (assignments, laboratory, practicals...):</b>	50

The final grade shall consider, on the one hand, knowledge and, on the other, any additional required readings indicated throughout the course subject as the best approach to political sociology is achieved by studying the fundamental, theoretical concepts and by directly reading about the authors and significant currents on political thought and contemporary sociological. Thus, 50% of the final grade will correspond to the final subject examination, while 50% will correspond to the practical activity undertaken during the course subject.

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