

Political Analysis II

Academic Year: (2023 / 2024)

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Department assigned to the subject: Social Sciences Department

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Type: Compulsory ECTS Credits : 6.0

Year : 2 Semester : 1

OBJECTIVES

- Understanding of the main approaches, theories and models of contemporary political analysis.
- Ability to link theoretical issues of contemporary politics with the empirical factors and the dynamics of political systems.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

1. Scientific Knowledge and Political Science. Research paradigms.

2. Research approaches and theories

- Normativism
- Critical Theory and postmodernism
- Behaviorism and functionalism
- Systemic Analysis
- Institutionalism and new institutionalism
- Rational choice theory
- Other current theories and approaches.

3. Methodology for empirical political analysis. A practical guide

- Theory and problems construction. Analytical strategies.
- Concepts elaboration and operativization. Analytical levels.
- The hypothesis testing
- Information access and data bases in the field of political science.

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

Teaching time is distributed according to the following training activities:

- Classes (50 per 100). It includes case studies that illustrate the lectures.
- Exercises and/or final paper elaboration, explanations and public debates on basic reading and case workshop: 50 per 100

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

- Final exam on the syllabus contents and the basic readings: 50% of the final grade.
- Continuous assessment: 50% of the final grade.
 - + Partial exam on main contents: 35% of the final grade.
 - + Participation in practical sessions: 15% of the final mark.

The student must pass the exam to pass the subject. In case of an insufficient qualification, the student will have the possibility to take the extraordinary exam, on the date designated by the University. In this call, the note of the continuous evaluation process is saved in the event that the student had followed it. If she did not follow it, her grade will account for the 100% of her final grade.

% end-of-term-examination:	50
% of continuous assessment (assignments, laboratory, practicals...):	50

BASIC BIBLIOGRAPHY

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