

Academic Year: ( 2024 / 2025 )

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Department assigned to the subject: Social Sciences Department

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Type: Compulsory ECTS Credits : 6.0

Year : 3 Semester : 2

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

Research methods in social sciences

**OBJECTIVES**

After completing this course students will:

1. Know the quantitative and qualitative techniques of particular interest for political analysis and research in empirical political science.
2. Develop the methodological framework applicable to empirical political research

**DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME**

1. Elements for design, development and results presentation of a empirical research in political science.
2. The elements of scientific research: research question, theory, hypothesis, measurement, data recollection, data analysis.
3. The methodological problems of causality.
4. Public opinion data and aggregated data.
5. Data analysis, hypothesis testing.

**LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY**

- Formal lectures and case studies in class, design a project of empirical research in the field of Political Science, individually and in teams, formulation and testing of hypothesis with data analysis; and required and recommended readings.

**ASSESSMENT SYSTEM**

<b>% end-of-term-examination:</b>	40
<b>% of continuous assessment (assignments, laboratory, practicals...):</b>	60
- Research project and exercises or case studies:	60%
- Final exam:	40%

**BASIC BIBLIOGRAPHY**

- Brians, C.L.; Willna, L.; Manheim, J.B.; Rich, R.C. Empirical Political Analysis, Pearson, 2011
- Kellstedt, Paul.M & Whitten, Guy. D. The Fundamentals of Political Science Research, Cambridge University Press, 2009
- King, Gary, Robert Keohane & Sidney Verba Designing Social Inquiry, Princeton, 1994

- Schutt, Russell K. Investigating the Social World: The Process and Practice of Research. , Peine Forge Press, 1999

#### ADDITIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHY

- King Designing social inquiry: scientific inference in qualitative research, Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1994
- Marsh, D.; Stoker, G., eds., Theory and Methods in Political Science, Palgrave MacMillan (second edition), 2002