

Faculty of Political Science / INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS / Electoral and Party Systems

Course:	Electoral and Party Systems			
Course ID	Course status	Semester	ECTS credits	Lessons (Lessons+Exercises+Laboratory)
4268	Mandatory	4	6	2+1+0
Programs	INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS			
Prerequisites	No prerequisites required			
Aims	Introducing students to the structure and effects of elections and electoral systems as an essential element of representative democracy; concepts of political parties and party systems and their operating mode.			
Learning outcomes	After passing the exam, students will be able to: • Evaluate the place, role and importance of the elections, political parties and candidates in systems of representative government; • Recognize the baseline in the specific discourse and criteria of modern democracy, the existence of elected political office holders; • Evaluates the role and organization of free and fair elections; • Analyze the importance of universal suffrage, the right of citizens to be elected, freedom of expression, the availability of alternative information, the right to political association.			
Lecturer / Teaching assistant	Zlatko Vujović, PhD, Professor; Marko Savić, MSc, teaching assistant			
Methodology	Lectures, exercises, seminars, consultations, discussions etc.			
Plan and program of work				
Preparing week	Preparation and registration of the semester			
I week lectures	Parties, origins and definitions.			
I week exercises	Methodology of written work			
II week lectures	The types of parties and ideological affiliations			
II week exercises	How to compare two electoral and party systems?			
III week lectures	The functions of political parties in a democratic society			
III week exercises	Basics of presentation of comparison of two party and electoral systems			
IV week lectures	Party in the system and party as a system (Parties from within) (95 125) The issue of internal democracy, Membership and leadership			
IV week exercises	Defense of research projects			
V week lectures	Party systems (classification and typology)			
V week exercises	Defense of research projects			
VI week lectures	Peculiarities of political parties in Montenegro			
VI week exercises	Defense of research projects			
VII week lectures	Electoral systems: The historical origins of representative government; The basic theoretical aspects of the concept of elections. The basic functions and values of elections and evolution of suffrage - experiences			
VII week exercises	Defense of research projects			
VIII week lectures	The basic functions and values of choice and evolution of suffrage – experiences: the Great Britain, USA, France and Montenegro			
VIII week exercises	Defense of research projects			
IX week lectures	The legal nature of voting rights – right to vote; Active and passive voting rights; Equal voting rights - plural votum; Direct and indirect voting rights; Secret and public ballot.			
IX week exercises	Defense of research projects			
X week lectures	Legal character of voting rights - Right to vote; Active and Passive Voting Legitimacy; Equal Voting Right - plural vote; Immediate and indirect right of vote; Secret and public vote			
X week exercises	Defense of research projects			
XI week lectures	Structure / features / political effects; the method of election for central representative bodies / basic characteristics of models; Majority voting method, Proportional voting method, Mixed electoral methods. Electoral systems in the USA, Great Britain,			

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XI week exercises	Defense of research projects					
XII week lectures	Garrymandering / issues of electoral geography; prohibition clause and its effects; The impact of the constituency magnitude on index and deviation of proportionality.					
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XIII week lectures	Electoral lists - Basic types and characteristics; ways of voting, the basic types and effects. The distribution of MP seats a) methods of the electoral quotient; b) preferential voting systems/single transferable vote; c) highest average method/method of					
XIII week exercises	Defense of research projects					
XIV week lectures	The distribution of MP seats a) methods of the electoral quotient; b) preferential voting systems/single transferable vote; c) highest average method/method of lists;					
XIV week exercises	Defense of research projects					
XV week lectures	The influence of the electoral system on: a) a citizen; b) parties; c) popular participation; abstention/A. Campbell's situational variables; political propaganda - elements of psychology in political propaganda.					
XV week exercises	Preparation for final exam					
Student workload	Per week 6 credits x 40/ 30 = 8 hours Structure: 2 hours of lectures 1 hour of exercises 5 hours of individual work Per semester Lectures and final exam (8 hours) x 16 = 128 hours Necessary preparation (administration, enrollment, verification before the beginning of the semester): 2 x (8 hours) = 16 hours Total workload for the course 6x30 = 180 hours Additional work: for preparation of make-up exam and taking make-up exam 0-48 hours Structure of working hours: 128 hours (Lectures)+16 hours (Preparation)+36 hours (Additional work)					
Per week			Per semester			
6 credits x 40/30=8 hours and 0 minuts 2 sat(a) theoretical classes 0 sat(a) practical classes 1 excercises 5 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						
Consultations						
Literature			V. Goati, Političke partije i partijski sistemi, FPN, Podgorica, 2008. Doc. Dr Zoran Stoiljković, Partijski sistem Srbije Sl. Glasnik, Beograd, 2008. V.Pavićević, Izbori i izborni sistem Crne Gore 1990 – 1996; V. Pavićević, S.Darmanović, O. Komar, Z			
Examination methods			Test – max. 30 points Seminar paper – max. 10 points Exercises – max. 10 points Final exam – max. 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