

Faculty of Political Science / EUROPEAN STUDIES / Comparative European Party Systems

Course:	Comparative European Party Systems			
Course ID	Course status	Semester	ECTS credits	Lessons (Lessons+Exercises+Laboratory)
4425	Mandatory	6	8	3+1+0
Programs	EUROPEAN STUDIES			
Prerequisites	No prerequisites required			
Aims	Introducing students to basic theoretical concepts of political parties and party systems, national party systems of some EU member states and operating mode of parties and party systems on European level.			
Learning outcomes	After passing the exam, students will be able to: • Get acquainted with scientific views on political parties as key democratic institutions; • Understand the evolution of parties and party areas in European countries; • Professionally analyze the status and role of political parties today in the EU countries and the European Union as supranational organization; • Tell the difference between parties in the European Union; • Tell the difference between party systems of Great Britain, France and Germany; • Argue the differences in the internal organization of European parties and relationship between membership and leadership; • Determine their view on parties – state relation in the European process and in Montenegro; • Deepen their knowledge about the relationship between the party and the electoral system and electoral processes in the EU countries and the EU; • Spot the differences and suggest changes for the sake of party's cohabitation within EU member state and between EU countries.			
Lecturer / Teaching assistant	Slavko Lukić, PhD, Full Professor; Zlatko Vujović, M.Sc., teaching assistant			
Methodology	Lectures, exercises with debates, essays, tests, research, presentations, consultations etc.			
Plan and program of work				
Preparing week	Preparation and registration of the semester			
I week lectures	Parties as the key institutions of democracy			
I week exercises				
II week lectures	Origins and definition.			
II week exercises				
III week lectures	Types of parties			
III week exercises				
IV week lectures	Ideological affiliations			
IV week exercises				
V week lectures	The functions of political parties in a democratic society			
V week exercises				
VI week lectures	Party in the system and party as a system (Parties from within).			
VI week exercises				
VII week lectures	The issue of internal democracy			
VII week exercises	Test I			
VIII week lectures	Party leaders' selection method; Membership and leadership			
VIII week exercises				
IX week lectures	Reasons for getting involved			
IX week exercises				
X week lectures	Political party funding			
X week exercises				
XI week lectures	Party systems (classification and types)			
XI week exercises				
XII week lectures	Party system: United Kingdom, France, Germany.			

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XII week exercises						
XIII week lectures	Party and electoral system on the EU level.					
XIII week exercises	Test II					
XIV week lectures	Peculiarities of political parties in the EU					
XIV week exercises						
XV week lectures	Political party funding on the EU level.					
XV week exercises						
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			
8 credits x 40/30=10 hours and 40 minuts 3 sat(a) theoretical classes 0 sat(a) practical classes 1 excercises 6 hour(s) i 40 minuts of independent work, including consultations			Classes and final exam: 10 hour(s) i 40 minuts x 16 =170 hour(s) i 40 minuts Necessary preparation before the beginning of the semester (administration, registration, certification): 10 hour(s) i 40 minuts x 2 =21 hour(s) i 20 minuts Total workload for the subject: 8 x 30=240 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) 48 hour(s) i 0 minuts Workload structure: 170 hour(s) i 40 minuts (courses), 21 hour(s) i 20 minuts (preparation), 48 hour(s) i 0 minuts (additional work)			
Student obligations						
Consultations						
Literature			V. Goati, Političke partije i partijski sistemi, FPN, Podgorica, 2008.			
Examination methods			Test – max. 30 points Exercises – max. 20 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