

Y5 - Introduction to Political Science

Tutor: Takis Kafetzis

Semester: 3rd

ECTS: 4.5

Short Description:

The theoretical and empirical dimensions of Politics in its historical-social context make up the core component of this course. Politics as social action and interaction, Democracy, the State in its historical forms, political ideology, political party, party systems, political representation, electoral behaviour, pressure groups, the Nation in the era of mundialisation, government and governance constitute the thematic units of the course.

Aims:

- To acquire basic knowledge of particular facets of the 'political'.
- To acquire basic knowledge of the modes of articulation between Politics and Policies.

Learning Outcomes:

Development of competences in the critical and comparative analysis of basic political concepts.

Understanding the rationale of the research process (search, evaluation and classification of bibliographic and empirical data sources).

Structure:

13 three-hours lectures.

Assessment:

A written examination at the end of the semester accounts for 80% of the total score. An essay (up to 4000 words) submitted at the end of the semester, on a topic agreed with the tutor, accounts for 20% of the total score.

Bibliography:

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