

**Information sheet for the course**  
**Introduction to Political Science Theory**

<b>University:</b> <i>Alexander Dubček University of Trenčín</i>	
<b>Faculty:</b> <i>Department of Political Science</i>	
<b>Course unit code:</b> <i>PLTP1</i>	<b>Course unit title:</b> <i>Introduction to Political Science Theory</i>
<b>Type of course unit:</b> <i>compulsory</i>	
<b>Planned types, learning activities and teaching methods:</b>  <i>Lecture: 2 hours weekly/26 hours per semester of study; face to face</i> <i>Seminar: 1 hours weekly/13 hours per semester; face to face</i>	
<b>Number of credits:</b> <i>4</i>	
<b>Recommended semester:</b> <i>the 1<sup>st</sup> semester in the 1<sup>st</sup> year (full-time)</i> <i>the 1<sup>st</sup> semester in the 1<sup>st</sup> year (part-time)</i>	
<b>Degree of study:</b> <i>I. (bachelor)</i>	
<b>Course prerequisites:</b> <i>none</i>	
<b>Assessment methods:</b> <i>Students have to work out a seminar work and study recommended readings during the semester to receive credits. The exam from this course will be completed by a written test. Marking of the course: A – at least 92 points, B – at least 83 points, C – at least 74 points, D – at least 65 points, E – at least 56 points.</i>	
<b>Learning outcomes of the course unit:</b> <i>The course of Introduction to Political Science Theory is designated for freshmen political science students (1<sup>st</sup> semester). The graduate students <b>gain</b> basic political science terms and their characteristics, and use them in a correct theoretical concept. Students <b>understand</b> democracy as one of the forms of government and other concepts relating to theory of democracy. Students also understand the terminology to political party concepts and issues of elections. The part of this course is the processing of Max Weber's Politics as a Vocation in the form of presentation.</i>	
<b>Course contents:</b> <i>1. Introduction.</i> <i>2. Political Science and Political Theory.</i> <i>3. Terms: Political Science and Political Theory.</i> <i>4. Terms: Power and State.</i> <i>5. Terms: Democracy, Direct Democracy, General Will, Liberal Democracy.</i> <i>6. Forms of Governments and Institutional Division of Power.</i> <i>7. Terms: Executive, Legislative, Parliamentary Democracy, Presidential Form of Government.</i> <i>8. Political Parties, Party Systems and Representation of Interests.</i> <i>9. Term of Political Ideology.</i> <i>10. Terms: Political Party, Class, Nationalism, Conservative Parties, Social Democratic Parties, Liberal Parties.</i> <i>11. Elections and Electoral Systems.</i> <i>12. Terms: Proportional Electoral System, Majority Electoral System, Coalition Government.</i> <i>13. Final seminar.</i>	

**Recommended or required reading:**

NOVÁK, P.: *Úvod do studia politiky*. Praha : Portál, 2012.

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RYBÁŘ, M.: *Politické strany a stranické systémy*. Bratislava : UK, 2011.

ŘÍCHOVÁ, B.: *Přehled moderních politologických teorií*. Praha: Portál, 2006.

ŘÍCHOVÁ, B.: *Úvod do současné politologie*. Praha : Portál, 2007.

WEBER, M.: *Politika ako povolanie*. Bratislava : SPN, 1990.

**Language:** Slovak

**Remarks:** *The course is compulsory. Seminar group consists of 20 – 25 students.*

**Evaluation history:**

A	B	C	D	E	FX
4,83	8,67	20,83	20,50	30	15,17

**Lecturers:**

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