
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Introduction to Political Science - 56101

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HU Credits: 4

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: political science

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st and/or 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

This course is an introductory course to the study of politics. After discussing politics' definitions and what it is all about we shall study main concepts in the study of politics and we shall study the language of political science. We shall review several key theories that form Political Science's canon. We shall distinguish between empirical and normative research and meet prominent scholars in the two schools

Course/Module aims:

The course's goal is to define, clarify and crucially analyze key concepts and theories in the study of politics, both empirical and normative studies

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

To define and comprehend various key concepts and theories in the study of politics

To apply these concepts and theories when engaged in research

To crucially analyze political events while using key theories

To compare alternative theories which explain various political events and to know how to evaluate their abilities to explain these events.

Attendance requirements(%):

100%

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Lectures twice a week plus one submitted paper

Course/Module Content:

Positive and normative research, power, authority, legitimacy, political players: individual, masses, society, elite, political behavior, autonomy, rationality, egoism, state, democratic state, nationality, religion and politics, multiculturalism, inequality, poverty, politics and morality, social justice, liberty, welfare state, anti-Semitism, women and politics, environmental politics, Marxism, feminism, game theory

Required Reading:

See the moodle website

Additional Reading Material:

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 60 %

Presentation 0 %

Participation in Tutorials 0 %

Project work 40 %

Assignments 0 %

Reports 0 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 0 %

Other 0 %

Additional information:

Every student will submit a single reading report. Details will be given