Syllabus

DEMOCRACIES: DEFINITIONS EXPLANATIONS & INSTITUTIONS - 56242

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HU Credits: 4

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: political science

Academic year: 0

Semester: Yearly

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:
This course deals with the main institutions of democratic regimes. The course compares different types of democracies, and the interaction between institutions and the type of democracy. The course focuses on the question of stability versus change in democratic institutions and regimes, and on the factors that influence the stability or collapse of democratic regimes.

Course/Module aims:
To familiarize the students with the basic terms, concepts, theories and arguments used for political analysis of democratic regimes. To provide the students with the practical tools needed for a comparative cross-national analysis of the differences which affect the functioning and behavior of democratic regimes. To expose the students to a variety of contemporary democratic regimes.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:
1. To identify the concepts and central theories in the field of democratic regime studies
2. To compare democratic regimes around the world based on characteristics found in the academic literature
3. To examine the different factors which affect the function and conduct of democratic countries
4. To comparatively analyze and characterize the strengths and weaknesses of democratic regimes around the world in general, and of the Israel in particular

Attendance requirements(%):
100

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: lecture

Course/Module Content:
1. Definitions
2. Explanations
   a) economic conditions
   b) political culture
   c) social cleavages
3. Institutions
   a) regime types
   b) electoral systems
c) parties and party systems
4. Democratic stability

Required Reading:


Additional Reading Material:
See course website.

Course/Module evaluation:
End of year written/oral examination 100 %
Presentation 0 %
Participation in Tutorials 0 %
Project work 0 %
Assignments 0 %
Reports 0 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 0 %

Additional information:
See course website.