

## Information sheet for the course

### Information Society

<b>University:</b> <i>Alexander Dubcek University of Trencin</i>	
<b>Faculty:</b> <i>Department of Political Science</i>	
<b>Course unit code:</b> <i>PLTP11</i>	<b>Course unit title:</b> <i>Information Society</i>
<b>Type of course unit:</b> <i>compulsory</i>	
<b>Planned types, learning activities and teaching methods:</b> <i>Lecture: 2 hour weekly</i> <i>Seminar: 2 hour weekly</i>	
<b>Number of credits:</b> 6	
<b>Recommended semester:</b> <i>autumn</i>	
<b>Recommended year:</b> 1	
<b>Degree of study:</b> <i>II. (Master)</i>	
<b>Assessment methods:</b> <i>Students have to prepare a seminar work and study recommended readings during the semester to receive credits. The course is completed by an oral exam.</i>	
<i>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>By completing the course, the student will be able to:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>Understand information technologies as a factor of social change, creating new social patterns that would not have arisen otherwise and analyze their impact on contemporary society</i></li><li><i>Recognize and be able to use related concepts such as information society, e-economy, e-government, e-democracy, e-health, but also e-dependency and e-control</i></li><li><i>To orient oneself in the new perspective of social sciences on society and its interpretations (including those of Orwell, Foucault and other authors of warning visions), adapted changed technological conditions and the challenges and risks associated with them</i></li><li><i>Explain specific political theories and concepts also using knowledge from other scientific disciplines, especially sociology, information science, economics, informatics, and recognize the interdisciplinary overlap of the investigated phenomena</i></li><li><i>Highly independently, scientifically and professionally solve assigned tasks of a theoretical and practical nature at the interface of political science and information technology and arrive at original conclusions.</i></li><li><i>Conduct research on political science and related topics in the English language in written form</i></li></ul>	
<b>Course contents:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>Introductory meeting, informing about the content of the lessons and the method of evaluating the subject</i></li><li><i>Historical development of society, creation of social orders in different types of societies - premodern, modern, postmodern (within the latter, knowledge society and especially the information society)</i></li><li><i>Development of information technologies</i></li><li><i>Internet era</i></li><li><i>The virtual world versus the real world</i></li><li><i>Economy of the 21st century</i></li><li><i>E-state</i></li><li><i>Human rights and virtual space</i></li><li><i>Cyber security and cyber warfare</i></li><li><i>Dependence on information technology; welfare in information technologies</i></li><li><i>Alternative realities</i></li><li><i>Nostalgia or progress of society</i></li></ol>	
<b>Recommended or required reading:</b>  <i>WEBSTER, F. 2014. Theories of the information society. 4th ed. London : Routledge, 2014. 404 s. ISBN 9780415718783.</i>	

BLOM, R. et. al. 2004. *The Information Society Reader. 1st ed.* London : Routledge, 2004. 464 s. ISBN 9780203622278.

SALUGES, B. 2018. *Society 5.0: industry of the future, technologies, methods and tools.* Hoboken, NJ : John Wiley & Sons, 2018. 302 s. ISBN 9781119527619.

LUPAČ, P. 2018. *Beyond the digital divide: Contextualizing the information society.* Emerald Group Publishing, 2018. 211 s. ISBN 978-1-78756-548-7.

NOVÁK, M. et al. *Úvod do studia politiky.* Praha : Slon, 2011. 711 s. ISBN 978-80-7419-052-0.

