

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

<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>PLTPI</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</i> <i>Seminar: 2 hours weekly</i>	
<b>Number of credits:</b> <i>6</i>	
<b>Recommended semester:</b> <i>autumn</i> <b>Recommended year:</b> <i>1</i>	
<b>Degree of study:</b> <i>I. (bachelor)</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 course will be completed by 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 understand the process of policy making in a democratic system. She/he will acquire basic theoretical information and knowledge about the political system, she/he will be able to distinguish between non-democratic and democratic regimes and identify the basic attributes of democracy. After completing the subject, the student understands the importance of political parties in democracy, the division of power in the state and the position of its individual components. The graduate of the subject will acquire basic knowledge about the functioning of the (democratic) political system, which will be deepened in the higher years within the framework of specialized courses.</i>	
<b>Course contents:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>1. Definition of the basic terms (polity, politics, policy), political cycle</i></li><li><i>2. Regimes – Democratic and non-democratic regimes</i></li><li><i>3. Democracy and human rights (constitutionality)</i></li><li><i>4. Elections</i></li><li><i>5. Political parties, interest groups</i></li><li><i>6. Legislation (Assemblies)</i></li><li><i>7. Executive (government), vertical division of power</i></li><li><i>8. Media</i></li><li><i>9. Electoral systems</i></li><li><i>10. Politics and economy</i></li></ol>	

**Recommended or required reading:**

*BOCHIN, M. Politický systém ako kategória politických vied. Praha: Aleš Čeněk. 2015. ISBN 9788073805616*

*DANICS, S. - DUBSKÝ, J. - URBAN, L. Základy sociologie a politologie. Praha: Aleš Čeněk. 2019. ISBN 9788073807511*

*DŽATKOVÁ, V. Vybrané kapitoly z politológie. Košice: Univerzita Pavla Jozefa Šafárika v Košiciach, 2017. ISBN 9788081525018*

*HEYWOOD, A. Politics. 2008. ISBN 9780230367258*

*CHOVANEK, J. - HOTÁR, V. S. Politológia - terminologický a výkladový slovník. Martin: Vydavateľstvo Matice Slovenskej, 2019. ISBN: 978-80-85717-35-8*

*KOVÁČIK, B. a kol. 2014. Súčasná politická teória II. Banská Bystrica: BELIANUM, 2014, 172s. ISBN 978-80-557-0710-5.*

*MINOQUE, K. Stručný úvod do politiky. Barrister & Principal. 2017. ISBN 9788073640613*  
*ŘÍCHOVÁ, B. Přehled moderních politologických teorií. Praha: Portál, 2006. ISBN 80-7367-177-8.*  
*ŘÍCHOVÁ, B. Úvod do současné politologie: Praha: Portál. 2007. ISBN 9788073673482*  
*ROSKIN, M. G. Political Science an introduction. Pearson. 2016. ISBN 9781292156248*