

Information sheet for the course
Methodology of Research in Political Science

University: <i>Alexander Dubcek University of Trencin</i>	
Faculty: <i>Department of Political Science</i>	
Course unit code: <i>PLTP11</i>	Course unit title: <i>Methodology of Research in Political Science</i>
Type of course unit: <i>compulsory</i>	
Planned types, learning activities and teaching methods: <i>Lecture: 2 hour weekly</i> <i>Seminar: 2 hour weekly</i>	
Number of credits: 6	
Recommended semester: <i>autumn</i>	
Recommended year: 1	
Degree of study: <i>II. (Master)</i>	
Assessment methods: <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>	
Learning outcomes of the course unit: <i>By completing the course, the student will be able to:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>identify, explain and categorize different methodological approaches and research methods in political science and demonstrate their use on a specific example, or solved task</i> • <i>apply knowledge from research methodology in social sciences to create an original research design with appropriate methodological and theoretical approaches, methods and own hypotheses</i> • <i>on the basis of acquired knowledge, create your own theoretical concepts and models of investigated political and social phenomena and use them in your research independently, scientifically and professionally solve assigned tasks/problems of a theoretical and practical nature in the field of political science and arrive at original conclusions</i> • <i>choose an appropriate research design and use effective data collection techniques and then evaluate the data correctly.</i> 	
Course contents: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Introductory meeting, informing about the content of the lessons and the method of evaluating the subject</i> 2. <i>What is and what is not science; inductive and deductive method and strategies resulting from them research; basic concepts of research.</i> 3. <i>Qualitative methods</i> 4. <i>Case studies</i> 5. <i>Comparative methods</i> 6. <i>Quantitative methods</i> 7. <i>Behavioral approach</i> 8. <i>Rational choice theory and game theory</i> 9. <i>Institutional approach</i> 10. <i>Feminism</i> 11. <i>Marxism</i> 12. <i>Ontological and epistemological properties of methods and approaches</i> 	
Recommended or required reading: <i>BENEŠ, V. a kol. 2019. Metodologie výzkumu politiky. Praha : SLON, 2019. ISBN 9788074192838.</i> <i>DISMAN, M. 2011. Jak se vyrábí sociologická znalost. Praha : Nakladatelství Karolinum, 2011. 374 s. ISBN 978-80-246-1966-8.</i> <i>DRULÁK, P. et al. 2008. Jak zkoumat politiku: Kvalitativní metodologie v politologii a mezinárodních vztazích. Praha, Portál, 2008. 255 s. ISBN 978-80-7367-385-7.</i> <i>JEŘÁBEK, H. 2011. Analytický výzkum a kvantitativní metody v politologii a sociologii. In:</i>	

NOVÁK, M. et al. *Úvod do studia politiky*. Praha : Slon, 2011. s. 334-364. ISBN 978-80- 7419-052-0.

LINCÉNYI, M. 2018. *Vybrané metódy výskumu v politológii*. Trenčín: DMC, 2018. 129 s. ISBN 978-80-8075-801-1.

LOWNDES, V. et al. 2018. *Theory and methods in political science*. 4th ed. London : Palgrave Macmillan : Red Globe Press, 2018. ISBN 9781137603531.

NOVOTNÁ, H. - ŠPAČEK, O. – ŠŤOVÍČKOVÁ JANTULOVÁ, M. 2020. *Metody výskumu ve společenských vědách*. Praha : Fakulta humanitních studií UK, 2020. ISBN 9788075710253.

ONDREJKOVIČ, P. 2020. *Interpretácia a vedecké vysvetľovanie v spoločenskovednom výskume*. Bratislava: SAV VEDA, 2020. ISBN 978-80-224-1807-2 .

ONDREJKOVIČ, P. 2005. *Úvod do metodológie sociálnych vied. Základy metodológie kvantitatívneho výskumu*. Bratislava : Regent, 2005. 174 s. ISBN 80-88904-35-8.

