

Information sheet for the course

US Politics

University: <i>Alexander Dubcek University of Trencin</i>	
Faculty: <i>Department of Political Science</i>	
Course unit code: <i>PLTP9</i>	Course unit title: <i>US Politics</i>
Type of course unit: <i>compulsory</i>	
Planned types, learning activities and teaching methods: <i>Lecture: 1 hour weekly</i> <i>Seminar: 1 hour weekly</i>	
Number of credits: 3	
Recommended semester: <i>autumn</i>	
Recommended year: 2, 3	
Degree of study: <i>I. (bachelor)</i>	
Assessment methods: <i>Students have to prepare a presentation and study recommended readings during the semester to receive credits.</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>understand the functioning and specifics of the US political system and the roles of individual institutions in it as well as the American political culture;</i>• <i>distinguish individual historical stages of the development of the American political system;</i>• <i>identify the main features and characteristics of the American economy and its influence on the world economy;</i>• <i>more qualified assessment of American foreign policy with regard to its specifics, doctrines and traditions;</i>• <i>communicate and present topics of American politics and discuss them in a cultured manner;</i>	
Course contents: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <i>Introductory information about the content and organization of the subject and the conditions for its successful completion</i>2. <i>History of the USA</i>3. <i>The political system, its characteristics and specifics, the US Constitution and its creation</i>4. <i>The Office of the President, its powers and their gradual expansion, subordinate agencies and important policies</i>5. <i>The US Congress, its division, procedures, usual political practice and important policies</i>6. <i>American federalism and its strengthening</i>7. <i>Federal judiciary, the US Supreme Court and its impact on US politics</i>8. <i>US economy, Anglo-Saxon socioeconomic model, position in the world economy</i>9. <i>Federal states and their usual internal functioning</i>10. <i>American political culture and its development, main values, political ideology, economic liberalism.</i>11. <i>American foreign policy, its main doctrines and development, relation to international law</i>12. <i>Political parties in the USA</i>	
Recommended or required reading: <i>AZUD, J. 2003. Medzinárodné právo. Bratislava : Veda, 2003. 456 s. ISBN: 978-80-224-0753-4.</i> <i>BĚREŠOVÁ, G. 2016. Medzinárodné organizácie. Brno : Wolters Kluwer, 2016. 284 s. ISBN 9788075520326.</i> <i>CIVÍN, L. Jak porozumět globální ekonomice. Praha: Olympia, 2018. 250 s. ISBN 9788073764982 2018</i> <i>DANČIŠIN, V. 2011. POLITICKÝ SYSTÉM USA Vybrané kapitoly. Prešov : Filozofická fakulta Prešovskej univerzity v Prešove, 2011. 110s. ISBN 978-80-555-0491-9.</i> <i>SNOW, D. M. 2014. Cases in International Relations: Principles and Applications. Pearson, 2014. 352 s. ISBN 978-0-205-98353-7.</i> <i>YOUNG, J. W. - KENT, J. 2013. International relations since 1945. 2nd edition. Oxford : Oxford University Press, 2013. 792 s. ISBN 978-0-19-969306-1.</i> <i>WALZER, M. 2019. Spravedlivé a nespravedlivé války. Praha : Academia, 2019. 555 s. ISBN 978802003019</i>	

