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Module Catalogue:

Political Science

Module Overview

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PS_Intro: Introduction to Political Science

Module Description			
Name	Introduction to Political Science		
Content	<p>This module introduces students to the core principles of political science, while encouraging students to connect the dots between foundational assumptions and political processes and institutions. Students will also study an overview of sociological theory, designed to provide students with an understanding of the relationship between sociology and political science.</p> <p>By the end of this module, students will have a strong grounding in the discipline of political science and an introduction to vital academic writing and research skills.</p>		
Teaching Methods	Video lectures, readings, exercises		
Learning Outcomes	<p>After successfully completing this module, students will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. identify the main political institutions and political systems 2. define normative political theory & philosophy by clarifying main concepts, values and principles in politics 3. explain the main terminologies and objects of investigation in Political Science 4. summarize the history of Sociology as a discipline by recollecting classical social theories 5. describe the foundations of research for scientific work 		
Courses			
Workload	MOOCs	Frequency	Duration
60h	Political Philosophy: An Introduction https://iversity.org/en/courses/political-philosophy-an-introduction-january-2016	self paced	12 weeks
20h	Revolutionary Ideas: Utility, Justice, Equality, Freedom https://www.coursera.org/learn/political-philosophy	self paced	5 weeks
20h	Revolutionary Ideas: Borders, Elections, Constitutions, Prisons https://www.coursera.org/learn/political-philosophy-2	self paced	5 weeks
30h	Discover Political Science https://www.edx.org/course/discover-political-science-0	self paced	6 weeks
25h	Classical Sociological Theory https://www.coursera.org/learn/classical-sociological-theory/home/welcome	self paced	8 weeks
20h	Tutorial: Classical Sociological Theory	TBA	10 weeks
Credits	6		
Examination	Quizzes, assignments, short essays		
Prerequisites	None		

PS_TT: Political Theory and Thought

Module Description			
Name	Political Theory and Thought		
Content	<p>The module introduces students to the sub-discipline of political theory and will address key questions and concepts of the sub-field with reference to key theorists such as Aristotle, Hobbes and Marx.</p> <p>There will be key focus on the formation, structure, function and legitimacy of political rule and theories of democracy. The module will also discuss the applicability of classical theories to current political debates.</p>		
Teaching Methods	Video lectures, readings, exercises		
Learning Outcomes	<p>After successfully completing the course, students will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. outline the most important political theories from ancient to modern times 2. describe the historical development of political thinking by reference to central thinkers and literature 3. analyse the ideas developed by political theory, especially regarding the legitimacy of political rule 4. relate classical positions to current political issues and contexts 		
Courses			
Workload	MOOCs	Frequency	Duration
12 h	Ancient Philosophy: Plato & His Predecessors https://www.coursera.org/learn/plato/home/info	self paced	4 weeks
15 h	Ancient Philosophy: Aristotle & His Successors https://www.coursera.org/learn/aristotle/home/info	self paced	5 weeks
120 h	Moral Foundations of Politics https://www.coursera.org/learn/moral-politics	self paced	8 weeks
	Tutorial: Moral Foundations of Politics	TBA	10 weeks
Credits	6 CP		
Examination	Quizzes, assignments, exams		
Prerequisites	Introduction to Political Science		

PS_CP: Comparative Politics

Module Description			
Name	Comparative Politics		
Content	<p>This module introduces students to the theories and methods of Comparative Politics. It provides students with an understanding of the central research questions and fields within the Comparative Politics subdiscipline. Students will further be introduced to approaches used in Comparative Politics research in order to analyse regime types, elections and electoral systems, parties and party systems, types of governance institutions, democracy types, political performance and political culture.</p> <p>An introduction to the American Constitution, governance in Russia and Chinese politics is also included to provide students with the ability to compare political systems around the world using contemporary examples.</p>		
Teaching Methods	Video lectures, readings, exercises		
Learning Outcomes	<p>After successfully completing the course, students will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. describe the central theoretical concepts and research questions of comparative politics 2. explain a number of political systems worldwide and their variations, using the concepts and methods of comparative politics 3. apply the logic of the comparative method to a number of real-world cases 4. analyse current political events and come to well-founded conclusions, using the concepts and methods of comparative politics 		
Courses			
Workload	MOOCs	Frequency	Duration
30h	Comparative Political Systems https://www.edx.org/course/comparative-political-system	self paced	5 weeks
15h	EU policy and implementation: making Europe work! https://www.coursera.org/learn/eu-making-europe-work	self paced	6 weeks
90h	America's Written Constitution https://www.coursera.org/learn/written-constitution	self paced	6 weeks
12h	Political Governance and Public Policy in Russia https://www.coursera.org/learn/political-governance-russia	self paced	6 weeks
28h	Chinese Politics Part 1 – China and Political Science https://www.coursera.org/learn/chinesepolitics1	self paced	7 weeks
30h	Tutorial: Comparative Politics	TBA	10 weeks
Credits	7 CP		
Examination	Quizzes, assignments, exams		
Prerequisites	Introduction to Political Science		

PS_IR: International Relations

Module Description			
Name	International Relations		
Content	<p>This module teaches students the theoretical concepts, historical routes and the empirical issues central to the subdiscipline of International Relations. It provides a particular focus on different actors, structures and processes that determine interactions on an international level.</p> <p>During this module, students will focus on a number of key features of the International Relations subdiscipline, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theories of International Relations • Basic concepts and terminology of peace and conflict research, conflict causes, conflict dynamics and conflict resolution • Global diplomacy • Analysis of world conflicts • The role and function of international organisations - between the poles of national politics and competing organisations - in regulating inter- and intra-state conflicts 		
Teaching Methods	Video lectures, readings, exercises		
Learning Outcomes	<p>After successfully completing the course, students will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. outline the evolution of the international relations theory from being a part of political philosophy to its emergence as a special branch of political science 2. identify key assumptions of the international relations theory as a part of social science and as an analytic tool, focusing on the problems of war and peace and foreign policy decision-making 3. demonstrate a critical understanding of the nature and development of global diplomacy 4. explain different approaches to regulating contemporary inter- and intra-state conflicts 5. critically reflect on cultural differences and own positions by participating in a multinational, multicultural group of scholars 		
Courses			
Workload	MOOCs	Frequency	Duration
48h	Understanding International Relations Theory https://www.coursera.org/learn/international-relations-theory	self paced	12 weeks
10h	Global Diplomacy - Diplomacy in the Modern World https://www.coursera.org/learn/global-diplomacy	self paced	5 weeks
49h	The Changing Global Order https://www.coursera.org/learn/changing-global-order	self paced	7 weeks
14h	Global Diplomacy: The United Nations in the World https://www.coursera.org/learn/global-diplomacy-un	self paced	5 weeks

12h	Emergence of the Modern Middle East https://www.coursera.org/learn/modern-middle-east-1	self paced	4 weeks
18h	After the Arab Spring – Democratic Aspirations and State Failure https://www.coursera.org/learn/after-the-arab-spring	self paced	6 weeks
N/A	European Refuge/es: Cultivating Diversity Together https://sharingperspectivesfoundation.com/programme/european-refuge-es-cultivating-diversity-together/	2 per year	10 weeks
Credits	6		
Examination	Quizzes, assignments, exams		
Prerequisites	Introduction to Political Science		

PS_RS: Political Science Research Methods and Statistics

Module Description			
Name	Political Science Research Methods and Statistics		
Content	<p>This module provides students with an understanding of systematic Political Science research and its application. The focus lies on quantitative and qualitative research and its methodologies.</p> <p>While studying the courses, students will explore research process, research design, selection process, sampling design and various methods of data collection and analysis relevant to Political Science.</p>		
Teaching Methods	Video lectures, readings, exercises		
Learning Outcomes	<p>After successfully completing the course, students will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. explain the theoretical foundations of scientific research 2. differentiate between qualitative and quantitative methods in the Social Sciences and assess their strengths and weaknesses 3. apply statistical methods for analysing political and social problems and developments, using a software environment for statistical computing ® 4. appropriately apply research methods in the Social Sciences, including the formulation of a research hypothesis, research design, data collection and analysis as well as proper documentation 		
Courses			
Workload	MOOCs	Frequency	Duration
40h	Quantitative Methods https://www.coursera.org/learn/quantitative-methods	self paced	8 weeks
48h	Qualitative Research Methods https://www.coursera.org/learn/qualitative-methods	self paced	8 weeks
27h	Basis Statistics https://www.coursera.org/learn/basic-statistics	self paced	8 weeks
21h	Inferential Statistics https://www.coursera.org/learn/inferential-statistics	self paced	7 weeks
39h	Methods & Statistics in Social Science - Final Research Project https://www.coursera.org/learn/social-science-capstone	self paced	6 weeks
Credits	7		
Examination	Quizzes, assignments, exams		
Prerequisites	Introduction to Political Science		