

Courses offered by the Department of Political Science in the academic year 2009/10

Course Title	Credits	Language	Semester
Introduction to Political Science	2	English	Autumn
Parties and Party Systems	3	English	
Comparative Civilization Studies	5	English	
The History and Theory of the Integration of the EU	5	English	
Public Policy in the EU	5	English	
National Europe-policies	5	English	
Elementary Knowledge of the EU	3	English	

Name of the subject: **Introduction to Political Science**

Code: NBG_PO0006K2

Credit:

2

Weekly hours:

2

Type of the lesson:

Lecture

Assessment:

Final examination

Description of the subject:

Recently there have been a significant transformation in the global area of political field. The changing have had an influence also to the traditional institutes which have an important role in political life: at parties and by the governments. Beside the transforming political system the world of political socialization has also changed, new participation forms, behaviour samples and value attitudes have been created in the political science. Beyond these it examines model- and category-creating, theoretical approaches and empirical case studies.

Main topics:

- The science of policy. The main lines and theories of the development of political thought
- The concept and components of policy
- The political systems and system-theories
- The function of political systems and their relations with others.
- Political subsystems. Interests and the expression of them.
- Political values. The importance of the political norm, status and roles. Morality and policy.
- The role of political ideologies. Political will-forming.
- Political socialization.
- Power and domination.
- Legitimacy.
- The concept and theories of pluralism.
- The influence of mass media to the policy.
- Political movements.

Require reading:

Bihari Mihály – Pokol Béla: Political science. National Educational Publisher, Budapest, 1992. 9-198.o., 252-263, 263-274.

Gyurgyák János (ed.): What is politics? Osiris, 1996. 7-21., 325-389.p

Stumpf István (ed.): Between two elections. Századvég, 1997., 107-116., 64-78.p

Balogh István (ed.): Ruptures and choose of values. Examines of political science about Hungary. MTA Institute of political sciences, 1994. I. Political distribution, political preferences, and party-systems . 15-167. p.

Lengyel László: Latitude and forced way. In: Gombár Csaba(ed.) : Mirage of sovereignty. Korridor, 1996.

Recommended reading:

Fricz Tamás: a Country without Consequences Századvég, Budapest, 1998., 162-190.o.

Bozóki András: Political pluralism. Századvég, 2003. 255-290.o.

Fricz Tamás: Political transformation in Hungary. (1990-1995) Series of Villányi Street- political books 1996., 27-57., 141-176, 225-235p

Max Weber: Science and politics as profession. Kossuth, 1995

Kurtán S., – Sándor P. – Vass L. (ed): Political year-books of Hungary Budapest, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002.

Responsible professor: Dr. Christopher Walsch

Instructors: Dr. Christopher Walsch

Name of the subject: **Parties and Party Systems**

Code:NBG_NT134K3

Credit: 3	Weekly hours: 2	Type of the lesson: Lecture	Assessment: Final examination
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Description of the subject:

The conception of the political party. Party as an organization. The membership of parties. Number of members and organization. The finance of parties. The development of parties. Historical types and metamorphosis of modern political parties. Political gaps. Party-families. General characteristics of modern parties. Functions of political parties. Determinants of party system. Electoral systems. Electors' behaviour. The influence of electoral systems on the party systems. Types of party systems. Forming a cabinet, coalition theories. The formation of multi-party system in Hungary. Characteristics of the Hungarian party system.

Required reading:

Enyedi Zsolt—Körösi András: Parties and party systems. Osiris, Bp. 2001.
Fricz Tamás: Hungarian party system between 1987-1995. History of development and characteristics. Analysis of political science. Cserépfalvi, 1996.
Fritz Tamás: Party systems. Western-Europe, Central-Europe, Hungary. Századvég, 2001.
Hülvely István: History of the Development of European parties. Series of Villányi Street- political books, 1997.
Pokol Béla: Money and Politics. Aula, Budapest, 1993. I. chapter 7-28. p.

Responsible professor: Dr. Stumpf István university lecturer

Lectures: Dr. Stumpf István university lecturer, Guszmán Gergely

Name of the subject: **Elementary Knowledge of the EU**

Code:NBG_PO004K3

Credit:

3

Weekly hours:

2

Type of the lesson:

Lecture

Assessment:

Final examination

The purpose of the subject: is to make the students acquainted with the history, the idealism, the institutional system and the support policy of the EU. It represents the transforming jurisdiction of integration, the common policies and the mechanism of decision-making.

Main topics:

- The European thought – historical background of the beginning of integration. Globalization and regionalism.
- Chronology of the foundation and enlargement of the EU: conventions and treaties.
- Institutional system of the EU: European Parliament, European Council, Council of the European Union, Committee of Ministers, European Commission, Court of Justice of the European Communities and the Court of First Instance, the Court of Auditors.
- Acquis Communautaire – its sources and function: the scope and priorities of AC; requirements of harmonization of law; competition law.
- Funds of economic integration of the EU: customs union and monetary union.
- Common policies: Employment policy, environment policy, regional policy, social welfare, agriculture policy, industry-, commercial and transport policy and educational policy in the EU.
- Planned development fields, inequalities in the EU.
- Cohesion and Structural Funds.
- The EU and Eastern-Europe. The role of association institutions in the transforming of the EU
- The EU and Hungary. Hungary's preparing to the accession – the economical and political conditions of the accession. The sectoral influences of the accession.

Required reading:

- Kengyel Ákos: Regional policy of the EU. AULA, 2002.
- Daniel Guéguen: Advisory notes to the EU-labyrinth. Századvég, 2003.
- Csefkó Ferenc (ed.): EU-integration I-II-III. Association of Hungarian government Alliances. Budapest, 2002.
- Kiss J. László: Europe of twentyfives. Osiris, 2006.
- Gazdag Ferenc: European integration and foreign policy, Osiris, 2006.

Recommended reading:

- Iglói Gabriella – Récsy Zsuzsanna: Who is who in the EU? Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 2002.
- Kende Tamás, Szűcs Tamás (ed): European public law and politics. Osiris, 2005.
- Pankovits József: Italian politics at the end of the 20th century. Sunworld, 1998.
- Nagy András: Lessons of the Irish accession to the EU. Economic Review, 1999. december.
- Agenda 2000 – Commission Opinion on Poland Application for Membership of the European Union. 1999. július.

Responsible professor: Ráczné dr. Horváth Ágnes

Instructors: Ráczné dr. Horváth Ágnes,

Course Title: **Comparative Civilization Studies**

Code: NBG_NT132K5

Credit: 5	Weekly hours: 2+2	Type of the lesson: Lecture/Seminar	Assessment: Final examination
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The purpose of the subject:

Is to give an introductory knowledge and intuition to the understanding of the cultural-civilizational determination of the international system. The intuitional fundamention is helped by the introduction to the theory of civilization, then the study cases of civilization history represent the story and the sociocultural characteristics of the most important regions outside Europe – the Arabic-Islamic world, India, China, North- and Latin-America etc. – and we also mention the relations among the international system and some civilizations. The subject offers in the first place historical knowledge, but at the same time it is an ascent to the subject, Regional studies I. and II.

Required reading:

William Montgomery Watt: Brief History of the Islam, Akkord, Budapest, 2000.

Klaus K. Klostermaier: Introduction to Hinduism, Akkord, Budapest, 2001.

Jacyues Gernet: History of the Chinese Civilization, Osiris, Budapest, 2001.

Carl N. Degler: The Living Past. What kinds of powers have shaped today's USA? Europe, Budapest, 1993.

Responsible professor: Dr. Christopher Walsch

Instructors: Dr. Christopher Walsch

Name of the subject: **The History and Theory of the Integration of the EU**

Code: NBG_NT112K5

Credit: 5	Weekly hours: 2+2	Type of lessons: Lecture/Seminar	Assessment: Final examination
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Description of the subject:

Purpose: Becoming acquainted with the history of the european integration and the development of the relationship between the EU and Hungary.

Contents:

- The concept and characteristics of integration;
- The evolution of the european integration from the beginnings till the establishing of the European Union, the presentation of it's development stages and the economical and social circumstances and changing, which determine the process;
- Purposes, results and problems of the different development stages, and the adapted problem solutions;
- The enlargament of the EU, the way of Hungary into the european integration;

Briefly the future of the EU

Required reading:

Horváth Zoltán (2003): Referencebook of the European Union (6. edition), Hungarian Parliamnt, Budapest

Blahó András: Elementary knowledge of the european integration Bp. Aula, 2004. -

Palánkai Tibor: Economics of the european integration, Bp., Aula, 2004.

Recommended reading:

Balázs Péter (2002): Foreign policy of the EU and the development of the EU-hungarian relations, KJK-Kerszöv, Budapest

LENGYEL GYÖRGY-NAGY BEÁTA (ED..) The social circumstances and influences of the european integration, Bp., AULA 2000.

FÜLÖP GYULA: Management in the european integration, Bp., Aula Kiadó, 1999.

Responsible professor: Dr. Varga György PhD docent

Instructors: Dr. Varga György PhD docent

Name of the subject: **Public Policy in the EU**

Code:NBG_NT116G5

Credit:

5

Weekly hours:

2+2

Type of the lesson:

Lecture/Seminar

Assessment:

Practical grade

Description of the subject:

The development of international public political activities and their main relations, the summary of the principles of public policy of the EU with an international comparison. The role of national characteristics and their comparative analysis. The subject makes the students get acquainted with the models and principles of operation in the EU and it helps them to become proficiency in it.

We represent the global public political agenda and it's modes of operation and it's influence on the EU.

We survey the public policy system of the EU, it's fields, the public political arenas and characters and the purposes and strategies. Thematic emphasis and stressed topics of the public policy system of the EU.

Modernizational problems and experiments of the public sector in the countries of Europe (France, Germany, United Kingdom, Scandinavia, Central-Europe) – general survey and assessment.

Development perspectives of the EU. Further enlargement and operational reforms.

Educational language: Hungarian and English

Required reading:

Comparative Public Policy. Aula, Budapest, 2002. 431 p.

Szamuely László: Social Requirements of Economic Changes in the Developed Industrial Countries. Budapest, 1991

Jenei György : Work-Dividing Between Politicians and Government Officials at the Public Decision-Making. 7-34 p. In: Public Policy on the Eve of Accession to the EU. (Theoretical background, practical problems, solution efforts) Eger. 2004. 135 p.

Jenei György : Problems of Labor Force Administration and Career Planning in the Hungarian Public Policy in the View of EU-demands. 111-133. p. In: Effectiveness and Municipal Services IV. Ed.: Vámos Dóra. Budapest, 2004. 161.p.

Public Policy and the Sciences of Public Administration. 124 -131 p. In: The past, the present and the future of lawyer instruction. ED.: Takács Péter. Budapest, 2003. 452 p.

Recommended reading:

Harold L. Wilensky et.al.: Industrial Society and Social Welfare. New York – London, 1984

Jenei György: Effective Considerations at the Educational Reforms in the USA. In: Effectiveness and Municipal Services I. 1996. Municipal Service Study Centre. Research Reports 5. Ed.: Vámos Dóra. 105-124. p.

Jenei György: Education, Modernization and Economic Competitivity. In: Effectiveness and Municipal Services. II. Research Reports 12. 1997. 190 p. Ed.: Vámos Dóra. Budapest, 1997. 31-49. p.

Jenei György : Public Policy and the Sciences of Public Administration. 124 -131 p. In: The past, the present and the future of lawyer instruction. ED.: Takács Péter. Budapest, 2003. 452 p.

Responsible professor: Dr. Jenei György professor

Instructors: Dr. Jenei György professor

Name of the subject: **National Europe-policies**

Code: NBG_NT123K5

Credit:

5

Weekly hours:

2+2

Type of the lesson:

Lecture/Seminar

Assessment:

Final examination

Description of the subject:

Between Hungary and the European Union the accession negotiations were started on 31th March 1998, and at the end of 2002. they were finished. As the result of it we became a member of the Community from 1th of May 2004. At this situation the organic integration of Hungary to the european economic requires at all levels (public administration, the sector of enterprise or the financial sector) the acquaintance of the function of the EU and it's national policies. We think it is essential that our students get acquainted with the integration. The subject occupies the situation of the Eu-integration, the formation, the function, the reforms and the mutual connections of main national policies. We analyse the relationsystems between the institutional level of the EU, the national policies and between the regions and the international networks.

Required reading:

Europe of twentyfives (ed.: Kiss J. László), Osiris, Budapest, 2005

Europe of fifteens (ed.: Kiss J. László), Osiris, Budapest, 2000

Common policies – national policies, Europe of fifteens (ed. Kiss J. László), BUE International Relations Department, Budapest, 1997

Recommended reading:

Blahó András (ed.): Basis of european integration, AULA, 2004.

Kengyel Ákos: Regional policy of the EU. AULA, second edition, 2004.

Braudel, Fernand (1977) History of civilization : The past explains the present. In:Glatz Ferenc (ed.) Theoretical and practical studies of History. Gondolat, Budapest. 100-142 p.

Responsible professor: Dr. Jenei György

Instructors: Dr. Jenei György