

Sample of the metadata of an edubadge for a postdoctoral course in Political Science

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English

Description

This course explores key concepts in political science. It is organised as an introductory exploration to the wider study of politics and presupposes little or no knowledge of politics and their diverse literatures and methodologies of investigation. The course is designed with a comparative politics flair and provides a good deal of material and room for discussion on key concerns of political analysis. The online lectures, the literature, and the tutor-student interactions provides a fairly easy path into the discussion.

The aim of the course is to provide participants with a broad overview and understanding of basic elements of political analysis. The course is designed to accentuate the importance of politics and to assist participants in developing the tools to analyze and understand current events.

The course is organised along 5 Units. The first is an introduction the notions of governments, regimes, and ideologies. It is followed by a conceptualization of democracy and the modern states. After that, the concepts of nations, ethnicity and identity are introduced. The fourth Unit presents the national and international politics in a comparative way. Finally, there is a Unit on political representation with a focus on party systems and the interest groups surrounding the political representation.

Learning outcome

This course offers modular learning outcomes:

- Unit 1: Understand the concepts, models and theories of politics. Place the role of government structures in the general realm of politics. Map the main ideological debates and their role in daily politics.
- Unit 2: A good comprehension of the state as a social entity. Be able to distinguish between different forms of states. A general conceptualization of what democracy is. Distinguishing between different models of democracy.
- Unit 3: Understand what a nation is. Distinguish between varieties of nationalism. Be aware of what ethnicity is and what are ethnic politics. Make the link between identity politics and multiculturalism.
- Unit 4: Understanding of the main theories guiding interstate relations. Linking domestic and international politics. Understanding the role of international organizations in interstate relations.
- Unit 5: Grasp characteristics of political party systems and their determinants. Understand the importance of political party systems. Be familiarized with the interests groups surrounding political parties.

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Oral Examination

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nu.edu/training/online-courses/introduction-to-political-science/

Study load

Type of study load

Credit points (according to ECTS)

Number

- 60 + Whole and half points only. A minimum of 0.5 points is required.

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