

COURSE DESCRIPTION (Group C)

Course code	Course group	Volume in ECTS credits	Course valid from	Course valid to	Reg. No.
POLN4001	c	4			

Course type (compulsory or optional)	Optional
Course level (study cycle)	Undergraduate
Semester the course is delivered	Spring
Study form (face-to-face or distant)	Face-to-face

Course title in Lithuanian

POLITINĖS IDEOLOGIJOS

Course title in English

POLITICAL IDEOLOGIES

Short course annotation in Lithuanian (up to 500 characters)

Kursas supažindina studentus su politinių ideologijų samprata ir jų raida. Išklaušę kursą studentai gebės analizuoti svarbiausias politines ideologijas, atpažinti jų elementus partijų programose, politinėje retorikoje, įvertinti politinių veiksmų ideologinius aspektus. Mokoma bus paskaitose. Iš studentų taip pat tikimasi savarankiškų studijų tarp paskaitų.

Short course annotation in English (up to 500 characters)

The course provides students with the concept of political ideology and its development. After course completion students will be able to analyze major political ideologies, to recognize their elements in the programs of political parties, political rhetoric, to evaluate ideological aspects of political action. Teaching methods: lectures. Students are expected to study independently in between lectures.

Prerequisites for entering the course

Fundamentals of Political Science, Introduction to International Relations, Political Philosophy, B2 level of English.

Course aim

The aim of the course is to provide undergraduate students with knowledge about political ideologies and the abilities to analyse them.

Links between study programme outcomes, course outcomes and criteria of learning achievement evaluation

Study programme outcomes	Course outcomes	Criteria of learning achievement evaluation
1. Ability to participate in the constant learning process, new evaluation of the experience acquired, ongoing accumulation of information and its critical assessment. 2. Ability to accomplish the comparative analysis of political processes and phenomena. 3. Ability to forecast the evolution of political phenomena and processes. 4. Acquisition of skills required for the research of peculiar features of activities of various political entities and their interrelations.	To name the main political ideologies and to describe their features.	Named main political ideologies and their features described.
	To name and to describe the main political, social and economic processes that influenced or were influenced by political ideologies.	Named and described main political, social and economic processes that influenced or were influenced by political ideologies.
	To explain the interaction between political ideologies and political institutions.	Explanation of interaction between political ideologies and political institutions.
	To analyse history, political, social and economic processes applying theories of development of political ideologies.	Analysis of history, political, social and economic processes applying theories of development of political ideologies.

Link between course outcomes and content

Course outcomes	Content (topics)
1. Ability to participate in the constant learning process, new evaluation of the experience acquired, ongoing accumulation of information and its critical assessment.	1. Conception of Political Ideologies. 2. Variety and classification of Political Ideologies. 3. The Rise of Contemporary Political Ideologies. 4. Classical Political Ideologies: Liberalism, Conservatism, Socialdemocracy. 5. Preconditions and Outcomes of Convergence of Political Ideologies.
2. Ability to accomplish the comparative analysis of political processes and phenomena.	6. Ideologies of Political Extremism. 7. Religious Teachings and Political Ideology. Religious Fundamentalism. 8. Anarchism.
3. Ability to forecast the evolution of political phenomena and processes.	9. Nationalism as Political Ideology. 10. Authoritarian Right. Fascism. 11. Contemporary Ideological Movements and Political Process.
4. Acquisition of skills required for the research of peculiar features of activities of various political entities and their interrelations.	12. Postmodern Political Ideologies. 13. Multiculturalism and Identity Policy.

Study (teaching and learning) methods

Teaching methods: lectures, discussions, consultations.

Learning methods: independent reading.

Methods of learning achievement assessment

Evaluation of midterm essay, final essay, papers.

Distribution of workload for students (contact and independent work hours)

Lectures – 45 hours.

Consultations – 5 hours.

Exams – 5 hours.

Paper writing – 30 hours.

Individual reading – 50 hours.

Total: 120 hours.

Structure of cumulative score and value of its constituent parts

Midterm exam – 30%, paper – 20%, final exam – 50%.

Recommended reference materials

No.	Publication year	Authors of publication and title	Publishing house	Number of copies in		
				University library	Self-study rooms	Other libraries
<i>Basic materials</i>						
1.	2003	Freeden, M. <i>Ideology. A very short introduction.</i>	Oxford university press	x		x
2.	2005	Festenstein, M., Kenny, M. <i>Political ideologies :a reader and guide.</i>	Oxford University Press	x		
3.	1998	Heywood, A. <i>Political ideologies. An introduction. 2 edition.</i>	Macmillan	x		x
4.	2008	Jasiulevičienė, R. <i>Politinės ideologijos. Paskaitų konspektai.</i>	VDU leidykla	x	x	x
5.	2008	Schwarzmantel, J. <i>Ideology and politics.</i>	SAGE	x		

<i>Supplementary materials</i>						
6.	2007	Heywood, A. Political Ideologies: An Introduction	Palgrave Macmillan	x		
7.	2006	Tokarczyk, R. Współczesne doktryny polityczne.	Wolters Kluwer	x		

Course programme designed by

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