

STUDIJŲ DALYKO APRAŠAS (C grupei)

Course code	Course group	Volume in ECTS credits	Course valid from	Course valid to	Reg. No.
POL4003	c	6			

Course type (compulsory or optional)	Optional
Course level (study cycle)	Bachelor's
Semester the course is delivered	Autumn
Study form (face-to-face or distant)	Face-to-face

Course title in Lithuanian

Politinė sociologija

Course title in English

Political sociology

Short course annotation in Lithuanian (up to 500 characters)

Kursas pateikia esmines žinias apie modernios valstybės ir visuomenės susiformavimą, išskiriant nacionalinės valstybės, kapitalizmo, socialinių klasių iškilimo ir vystymosi, kultūrinių veiksnių, socialinių judėjimų, demokratizacijos ir kt. procesų reikšmę.

Short course annotation in English (up to 500 characters)

In this course the students will be introduced with the basic developments of the modern state and society. The specific attention is being paid to the rise and development of the nation-state, capitalism, social classes, culture, social movements, democratization etc.

Short Prerequisites for entering the course

Background in the political sciences

Course aim

To provide the students knowledge on the social basis of politics; on the basic social developments of the modern state and democratic political system.

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

Study programme outcomes	Course outcomes	Criteria of learning achievement evaluation
Preparation to delineate and explain essential characteristics of the political process in theoretical terms	The students will be able to define the social basis of politics.	Properly define the relationship between society and politics.
	Awareness of the classical and postmodern theories on society, state and power.	Identify and explain the main thesis on society, state and power using classical and postmodern theories.
	Ability to explain the basic patterns and factors in the formation of modern state.	Explain at length the basic factors in the developments of the modern state.
	Ability to describe the social structure of modern state and its change.	Define and explain the role of the class and gender in industrial and postindustrial society.
	Awareness of origin, structure and consequences of social movements in modern society.	Describe the most significant social movements in 19-20c., explain their differences and political impact.
	Awareness of citizenship conception in the welfare state and ability to explain the problems of multiculturalism and post-national citizenship.	Indicate the content of citizenship conception, the models of welfare state, and the problems of multiculturalism and postnational citizenship.
	Ability to describe the historical and substantive elements, and problems of democracy.	Describe the historical development of modern democracy, the mechanisms and problems of democracy.
lyginamąją politinių	Ability to orientate in the basic social and political trends of globalization.	Explain the social and political trends of globalization.

	Ability to analyze the relationship of discourse and power in the contemporary societies.	Define the role of discourse in making the power, explain the economical and ideological relationships between Western world and the rest of the world.
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Link between course outcomes and content

Course outcomes	Content (topics)
The students will be able to define the social basis of politics.	The discipline of political sociology: object, themes, theoretical foundations, relativeness to other disciplines of social and political sciences.
Awareness of the classical and postmodern theories on society, state and power.	Notion of Western modernity. Classical theories on society and politics (K. Marx, E. Durkheim, M.Weber). Post-industrial and postmodern theories of society and power (A.Giddens, U.Beck, M.Foucault).
Ability to explain the basic patterns and factors in the formation of modern state.	The rise and development of modern state: territorial state, militarism, capitalism, nationalism, political and ethnical model of national identity and its critique.
Ability to describe the social structure of modern state and its change.	The change in social structure: class and gender roles in industrial society; transformation of class, values and gender roles in post-industrial society.
Awareness of origin, structure and consequences of social movements in modern society.	Social movements: workers' movement, resource mobilization theory, new social movements, global social movements; conditions, structure and consequences of social movements.
Awareness of citizenship relationship with welfare state and ability to explain the problems of multiculturalism and post-national citizenship.	Citizenship and the welfare state. Different models of welfare state; T.H.Marshall's model of citizenship and its critique; minority rights: ethnical, religious, sexual minorities; nationalism, liberal nationalism and multiculturalism; post-national citizenship (the European Union case).
Ability to describe the historical and substantive elements and problems of democracy.	Democracy in Western world: the waves of democracy, political participation, party system, civil society, different types of democracy, global democracy and its problems.
Ability to orientate in the basic social and political trends of globalization.	Globalization: economical and modernist explanations; the challenges for territorial state; global governance; global justice ('thin' and 'thick' argument), multiple modernities.
Ability to analyze the relationship of discourse and power in the contemporary societies.	The West and the Rest: discourse and power; colonialism; orientalism.

Study (teaching and learning) methods

Teaching methods: lecture, discussion, consultation, group work, **Study methods:** homework, peer review, in-class presentation, in-class group work.

Methods of learning achievement assessment

In-class exams; students presentations; active participation in the lectures.

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

Contact work: 40 val.

Independent work: 80 val.

Structure of cumulative score and value of its constituent parts

Final exam – 50 %. Midterm exam – 25 %. Homework, presentations, group work, etc. – 25 %.

Recommended reference materials

No.	Publication year	Authors of publication and title	Publishing house	Number of copies in		
				University library	Self-study rooms	Other libraries
Basic materials						
1.	2010	Kate Nash, Contemporary political sociology.	Wiley-Blackwell	1		
2.	1999	Stuart Hall and Bram Gieben (eds.). Formations of Modernity.	Oxford: Polity Press.	1		
3.	1995	John Allen et all. (eds.). Political and	Cambridge: Polity Press.	1		

		economical forms of Modernity.				
<i>Additional materials</i>						
1.	1996	Anthony Giddens. The consequences of modernity.	Cambridge: Polity Press.	2		
2.	2008	Zenonas Norkus. Kokia demokratija? Koks kapitalizmas?	Vilnius: Vilniaus universiteto leidykla.	6		
3.	2011	Davita Silfen Glasberg, Deric Shannon, Political sociology.	Pine Forge Press.			1
4.	2009	Milan Zafirovski, Liberal modernity and its adversaries: freedom, liberalism and anti-liberalism in the twenty-first century.	Chicago: Haymarket Books	1		
5.	2005	Arjun Appadurai, Modernity at large: cultural dimensions of globalization.	Minneapolis: University of Minnesota press	1		
6.	1996	John Markoff. Waves of democracy.	Pine forge press.	1		
7.	1996	Jurgen Habermas. The structural transformation of the public sphere.	Cambridge: MIT Press.	1		
8.	2010	Political sociology: the state of the arts, ed. By Michael Stein and John Trent.	Barbara Budrich Publishers			1
9.	1963	Seymour Lipset. Political Man: the Social Bases of Politics.	N.Y. Garden City.	2		

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