

Identification	Subject	PSIR 401 Political Psychology 3KU /6ECTS credits 15 Weeks / 60 Hours
	Department	Political Science and Philosophy
	Program	Undergraduate
	Term	Fall 2022
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	Office hours	By appointment
Prerequisites	Consent of instructor	
Language	English	
Compulsory/Elective	Required	
Required textbooks and course materials	<p>Core Textbook: David Patrick Houghton. Political Psychology. New York, 2009. (PDF format is available).</p> <p>Supplementary sources :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David O. Sears & Leonie Huddy & Robert Jervis. Oxford Handbook of political psychology • Anonymous Conservative. The Evolutionary Psychology Behind Politics: How Conservatism and Liberalism Evolved Within Humans • Cottam, M. L., Dietz-Uhler, B., Mastors, E., & Preston, T. (Eds.). (2010). Introduction to political psychology (ITPP). Mahwah, NJ: Erlbaum. 	
Course outline	<p>This course offers a broad overview of political psychology at the undergraduate level. The basic objectives of the course are threefold. First, it introduces important concepts from psychology, offering new ways of thinking about subjects as varied as personality, the dynamics of social groups, and the ways in which emotion affects decision making. Second, it applies these concepts to various topics within political science, including the media and political advertising, race relations, the legitimacy of government institutions, and the formation of opinions and ideologies, as a means of providing a new perspective on how to understand the political world around us. And third, by describing political psychology experimentation in detail, the course teaches about how the scientific method can be applied to the study of politics.</p>	
Course objectives	<p>Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This course is aimed to give the students the general knowledge about concepts of political psychology with concentration on political behavior. We will begin with a general overview and then go into more details. <p>Generic Objective of the Course</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To meet curriculum requirements of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences. <p>Specific Objectives of the Course</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To become more knowledgeable about the field of political psychology - its definition, its various domains of study, and its methodologies. • To examine the impact of personality on political behavior. • To become familiar with the role of social cognition, social influences, and social relations factors in political behavior. • To examine the myriad of factors involved in the political psychology of groups. • To become familiar with the various psychological and political impacting voting behaviors. • To explore the political psychology of race and ethnicity. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To examine the impact of political psychology as it related to broader international concerns such as nationalism, political extremism, and war 		
Learning outcomes	<p>By the end of the course the students should be able:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To build up and work with a team for decision making. To consider external and internal factors while making a decision To develop and interpret political statements To evaluate alternative projects and suggest one with maximum utility To prepare an essay 		
Teaching methods	Lecture		x
	Group discussion		x
	Simulation		x
	Case analysis		x
	Course paper		x
	Others		
Evaluation	Methods	Date/deadlines	Percentage (%)
	Midterm Exam		30
	Class Participation		5
	Project (Essay)		15
	Presentation/Group Discussion		10
	Final Exam		40
	Others		
	Total		100
Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation for class The structure of this course makes your individual study and preparation outside the class extremely important. The lecture material will focus on the major points introduced in the text. Reading the assigned chapters and having some familiarity with them before class will greatly assist your understanding of the lecture. After the lecture, you should study your notes and work relevant problems from the end of the chapter and sample exam questions. Withdrawal (pass/fail) This course strictly follows grading policy of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences. Thus, a student is normally expected to achieve a mark of at least 60% to pass. In case of failure, he/she will be required to repeat the course the following term or year. Cheating/plagiarism Cheating or other plagiarism during the Quizzes, Mid-term and Final Examinations will lead to paper cancellation. In this case, the student will automatically get zero (0), without any considerations. <p>Essay</p> <p>We appreciate an ability of students to prepare a good essay. The essay should be</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An original research of the students. Written according to the international standards with introduction, internal parts, conclusion, and used special literature. Limited in size (10 -12 pages/Times New Roman - 12). Printed in computer, and has a cover page. <p>Students have to make presentation on the essay topic. This activity will be evaluated on the basis of two components: the written copy and presentation.</p> <p>As soon as it is possible, we will offer you a list of themes for essays. Every student can choose for the essay a theme with the consent of instructor.</p>		

	<p>Essay requirements/standards are available in DPSIR.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Professional behavior guidelines The students shall behave in the way to create favorable academic and professional environment during the class hours. Unauthorized discussions and unethical behavior are strictly prohibited.
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Tentative Schedule			
Week	Date/Day (tentative)	Topics	Textbook/Assignments
1	15.09. 2022	Introduction to the Course: What is Political Behavior? Syllabus and its Requirements	1) David Patrick Houghton. Political Psychology. Chapter 1 2) Course Syllabus
2	22.09.2022	Behaviorism and Human Freedom	David Patrick Houghton. Political Psychology. Chapter 3
3	29.09.2022	The Psychology of Obedience	David Patrick Houghton. Political Psychology. Chapter 4
4	06.10.2022	Creating a “Bad Barrel”	David Patrick Houghton. Political Psychology. Chapter 5
5	13.10.2022	Group Decision-Making	David Patrick Houghton. Political Psychology. Chapter 6
6	20.10.2022	Psychobiography	David Patrick Houghton. Political Psychology. Chapter 7
7	27.10.2022	Personality and Beliefs	David Patrick Houghton. Political Psychology. Chapter 8
8	03.11.2022	Cognition	David Patrick Houghton. Political Psychology. Chapter 9
9	10.11.2022	Midterm Exam	
10	17.11.2022	Affect and Emotion	David Patrick Houghton. Political Psychology. Chapter 10
11	24.11.2022	The Psychology of Voting Behavior	David Patrick Houghton. Political Psychology. Chapter 12
12	01.12.2022	The Psychology of Nationalism, Ethnic Conflict, and Genocide	David Patrick Houghton. Political Psychology. Chapter 13
13	08.12.2022	The Psychology of Racism and Political Intolerance	David Patrick Houghton. Political Psychology. Chapter 14
14	15.12.2022	The Psychology of Terrorism	David Patrick Houghton. Political Psychology. Chapter 15
15	22.12.2022	The Psychology of International Relations	David Patrick Houghton. Political Psychology. Chapter 16
16	29.12.2022	Students’ presentations	
	TBA	Final Exam	

This syllabus is a guide for the course and any modifications to it will be announced in advance.