

Identification	Subject (code, title, credits)	PSIR 482: Political Systems 6 ECTS credits 15 Weeks, 60 hours		
	Department	Political Science and Philosophy		
	Level	Undergraduate		
	Term	Spring 2024		
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	Classroom/hours	41 Mehseti str. (Neftchilar campus), Room 506, Wednesday, 11.50 -15.10		
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Prerequisites	Consent of instructor			
Language	English			
Compulsory/Elective	Compulsory			
Required textbooks and course materials	<p><i>Core readings:</i> 1. Stephen D. Tansey, Nigel Jackson. Politics The Basics. 4th edition. PDF is available) 1. D. Alen Heslop. Political System, is available in: https://www.britannica.com/topic/political-system</p> <p><i>Supplementary materials:</i> In addition to the core readings, various texts from scholarly and popular journals (as well as newspapers) may also be assigned.</p>			
Course outline	This course will explore and analyse typologies, structure and functions of government as well as development and change in political systems.			
Course objectives	The aim of this course is to provide empirical analysis of political processes and the effort to identify the underlying realities of governmental forms have yielded a rich store of data and an important body of comparative theory.			
Learning outcomes	From this course, students will develop an understanding of the field of the governmental legal and economic system, social and cultural system, and other state and government specific systems.			
Evaluation	Methods	Date/deadlines	Percentage (%)	
	Midterm evaluation		30	
	Class attendance		5	
	Group Discussion		10	
	Essay		15	
	Final exam		40	
	Total		100	
Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Preparation for class <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Withdrawal (pass/fail) <p>This course strictly follows grading policy of the School of Education,</p>			

	<p>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.</p> <p>▪ Cheating/plagiarism</p> <p>Cheating or other plagiarism during the Mid-term and Final Examinations will lead to paper cancellation. In this case, the student will automatically get zero (0), without any considerations.</p> <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>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> <p>Group discussion</p> <p>Students’ activity during classes will be evaluated on the basis of their participation in discussions on various topics during the lesson. The instructor will make notes after each discussion and will evaluate students’ activities before the final exam.</p> <p>▪ Professional behavior guidelines</p> <p>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.</p>
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Tentative Schedule		
Date/Day (subject to change if necessary on holidays)	Topics	Readings
Week 1 14.02.2024	Introduction to the Course objectives, requirements and the subject	
Week 2 21.02.2024	Typologies of government <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supranational political systems • Empires and leagues • Confederations and federations 	1. Stephen D. Tansey, Nigel Jackson. Politics. The Basics, Chapter 2 2. https://www.britannica.com/topic/poli

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National political systems • Federal Systems • Cities and regions 	tical-system
Week 3 28.02.2024	<p>Issues of classification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Types of classification schemes • Modern classifying systems • Governments classified by mode of succession 	https://www.britannica.com/topic/political-system
Week 4 06.03.2024	<p>Hereditary succession</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Succession by constitutional prescription • Succession by election • Succession by force 	https://www.britannica.com/topic/political-system
Week 5 13.02.2024	<p>Autocratic versus nonautocratic rule</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governments classified by stage of development • Emergence of advanced nation-states 	https://www.britannica.com/topic/political-system
Week 6 27.02.2024	<p>The structure of government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contemporary forms of government • Monarchy • Dictatorship • Oligarchy 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stephen D. Tansey, Nigel Jackson. Politics. The Basics, Chapter 6 2. https://www.britannica.com/topic/political-system
Week 7 03.04.2024	<p>Constitutional government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contemporary levels of government • National government • Regional and state government • City and local government 	https://www.britannica.com/topic/political-system
Week 8 10.04.2024	Midterm Exam	
Week 9 17.04.2024	<p>Contemporary divisions of government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The legislature • The executive • The judiciary 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stephen D. Tansey, Nigel Jackson. Politics. The Basics, Chapter 7 2. https://www.britannica.com/topic/political-system
Week 10 24.04.2024	<p>The functions of government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-preservation • Supervision and resolution of conflicts 	https://www.britannica.com/topic/political-system

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regulation of the economy • Protection of political and social rights • Provision of goods and services • Public administration 	
Week 11 01.05.2024	<p>Concepts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individualism versus collectivism • Equality • Positive and negative freedom • Analysing political concepts 	Stephen D. Tansey, Nigel Jackson. Politics The Basics, Chapter 3
Week 12 08.05.2024	<p>Ideologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The old right: monarchism • The radical right: Nazism and fascism • Marxism • Radicalism • Feminism • Liberalism • Conservatism 	Stephen D. Tansey, Nigel Jackson. Politics The Basics, Chapter 4
Week 13 15.05.2024	<p>Development and change in political systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Causes of stability and instability • Unstable political systems • Stable political systems 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stephen D. Tansey, Nigel Jackson. Politics. The Basics, Chapter 5 2. https://www.britannica.com/topic/political-system
Week 14 22.05.2024	<p>Types of political change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Radical revolution • Structural revision • Change of leaders • Change of policies 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stephen D. Tansey, Nigel Jackson. Politics. The Basics, Chapter 8 2. https://www.britannica.com/topic/political-system
Week 15 29.05.2024	Students' presentations	
	Final Exam	TBA

Additional readings and assignments will be provided by the instructor for this course.
If necessary, some minor modifications may be made to this syllabus by the instructor.