

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY AND SOCIAL WORK

(CIP file- Classification of instructional programmes)

Course unit title:	Introduction to Political Sciences		
Course unit code:	ASPO 104		
Type of course unit:	Compulsory		
Level of course unit:	Bachelor		
Year of study:	1		
Semester when the unit is delivered:	1(Fall)		
Number of ECTS credits allocated :	5		
Name of lecturer(s):	Dr Costakis Constantinou		
Learning outcomes of the course unit:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Describe the basic concepts and definitions of political science and to be able to identify the political ideologies, the methods of political analysis, and the analytical schools of political theory. 2. Use the basic concepts of political science and political theory in order to interpret contemporary, political issues. 3. Analyze the contemporary, political problems and conduct research on political situations, the evolution of political situations and their consequences. 4. Evaluate the various political problems/issues, to control and modulate opinions, arguments and positions. 5. Generate and present special research, analyses, and commentaries regarding political issues that refer to society and to suggest ideas and measures for their solution. 		
Mode of delivery:	Face-to-face		
Prerequisites:	None	Co-requisites:	None
Recommended optional program components:	None		
Course contents:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Political Science: Political theory and philosophy. The first concepts. Definitions of politics and science. Similar scientific sectors. • Introduction to methodology: Theory, methodological research: Observation, Experiment, Gallop Poll. • Basic, analytical principles: Authority, dominance and the state. Authority distinction. Elite. Groups of interest. Social classes. • Historical Outline of Political Theory and Philosophy: Political Thought from antiquity to the 21st century. • Contemporary, political ideologies: Liberalism, socialism, conservatism, communism, anarchism and fascism. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analytical school of political theory: Liberal, elite, class. • Theory and practice: Application of the model of analysis on specific political issues. • Cyprus and reality: Cypriot political subjects and the political ideologies. International law and ethics and the problem of Cyprus.
Recommended and/or required reading:	
Textbooks:	Duverger, M., Εισαγωγή στην Πολιτική, Παπαζήση, Αθήνα 1985 Dahl. A, R., Σύγχρονη Πολιτική Ανάλυση, Παπαζήση, Αθήνα 1979. Ball. R, A.,-Peters. G, B., <i>Σύγχρονη Πολιτική και Διακυβέρνηση, Εισαγωγή στην Πολιτική Επιστήμη</i> , Παπαζήση, Αθήνα 2001.
References:	Sabine. H, G., Ιστορία των Πολιτικών Θεωριών, Ατλαντίς, Αθήνα. Σατελέ, Φ., - Κουσνέρ. Π, Ε., Οι πολιτικές αντιλήψεις του 20 ^{ου} αιώνα. Ράππα, Αθήνα 1988
Planned learning activities and teaching methods:	This course is delivered to the students by means of lectures and discussions.
Assessment methods and criteria:	2 Assignments: 40% Final Exam 60%
Language of instruction:	Greek
Work placement(s):	No