

COM111 - POLITICAL SCIENCE I: POLITICAL THEORY

Course Title	POLITICAL SCIENCE I: POLITICAL THEORY				
Course Code	COM111				
Course Type	COMPULSORY				
Level	BACHELOR				
Year / Semester	1 st year/ Fall Semester				
Teacher's Name	Dr Soteris Theocharides				
ECTS	6	Lectures / week	3hrs / week	Laboratories/week	none
Course Purpose	<p>This course aims at the theoretical familiarisation with basic terms and elementary methods of political analysis and discusses mainly aspects of the internal policy of a state.</p> <p>An introduction to political theories and political philosophy, as they were shaped from antiquity until the 21st century.</p> <p>Political theory refers to the effort to decipher terms and conditions that ensure the achievement of the 'best' or 'most excellent' order in essential terms of political reflection, such as justice, freedom, natural rights, political obligation, social contract, power. At the same time there is an attempt at a basic introduction to ideologies as historically shaped theoretical forms, but also as "closed" value systems of contextual or opportunistic character.</p> <p>In addition, upon completion of the course, students will be able to conduct an introductory dialogue over the Cyprus political reality and subsequently of the Cyprus problem. Likewise the course aims in helping the students to understand and describe relatively diverse aspects of the political phenomena, as well as to gain analytical possibilities as regards the interpretation of political action.</p>				
Learning Outcomes	<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. Analyse 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, reportage, articles, analyses, and commentaries regarding political issues that refer to society and to suggest ideas and measures for their solution on mass media. 				
Prerequisites	None			Corequisites	None
Course Content	<p>Introduction to Political Science: Political theory and philosophy. The first concepts. Definitions of politics and science. Similar scientific sectors.</p> <p>Introduction to methodology: Theory, methodological research: Observation, Experiment, Gallop Poll.</p>				

	<p>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.</p> <p>Contemporary, political ideologies: Liberalism, socialism, conservatism, communism, anarchism and fascism.</p> <p>Analytical school of political theory: Liberal, elite, class.</p> <p>Theory and practice: Application of the model of analysis on specific political issues.</p> <p>Cyprus and reality: Cypriot political subjects and the political ideologies. International law and ethics and the problem of Cyprus.</p>
Teaching Methodology	<p>Lecture: 20 hours Tutorial: 13 hours</p> <p>This course is taught via lectures that encourage debate and critical thinking</p>
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<p>Assessment</p>	<p>The Students are assessed via continuous assessment throughout the duration of the Semester, which forms the Coursework grade and the Final Project. The coursework and the final project grades are weighted 50% and 50%, respectively, and compose the final grade of the course. Various approaches are used for the continuous assessment of the students, such as mid-term test, class participation and laboratory work, group project design, implementation and presentation. The assessment weight, date and time of each type of continuous assessment is being set at the beginning of the semester via the course outline.</p> <p>Project 1 & 2 concern work in some of the themes mentioned above in the course contents. The students will have to work individually in order to produce their work and then present it to the rest of the class.</p> <p>The active participation in class and in the activities that the course may suggest is also taken into consideration.</p> <p>Final Project is again individual and the students are assessed for their ability to link the theoretical knowledge with the practical execution.</p> <p>Project 1 & 2 50% Final Project 50%</p> <p>Students are assessed on the following:</p> <p>Knowledge and understanding - 30% in – depth knowledge and understanding towards the relevant topics of interest.</p> <p>Research and Analytical Skills - 40% Competence in research methods and ability of evaluating the results. The possibility of using them in different ways.</p> <p>Presentation and Communication - 30% Able to explain and defend the solutions given by them in a way to transmit the knowledge achieved beforehand.</p>
<p>Language</p>	<p>Greek</p>