

BACHELOR IN “POLITICAL SCIENCE”

PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES

The Degree in Political Science aims to raise the level of autonomy of judgment of its students so that they become capable of correctly and methodically setting the problems to which they are called to provide adequate solutions, design the related implementation paths, coordinate activities at various levels, carry out negotiations, and use innovative technologies. The Degree in Political Science favors a highly multi-disciplinary and inter-disciplinary approach in all its internal training courses, aimed at providing the student with the necessary methodological, cultural and professional knowledge. The common goal of all three profiles: Public Administration, Journalism and European Studies, is to give the student a broad essential cultural background and an analytical ability that allows him/her to know how to move with an autonomy of judgment and a critical spirit in all leading domestic political life sectors. The aim of interdisciplinary training that characterizes the study programme is achieved through a three-year programme designed in a progression that allows the student to acquire: - political competencies both of politics profiles and policy profiles; - juridical competencies both in the general private profiles, as well as in the publicistic profiles not only general but extended to the sphere of administrative law; - economic skills both in economic-political and financial-business aspects.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the completion of the program the student will:

- Understand and be able to interrelate the leading theories, literature, and approaches in the subfields of government, political theory and methods, international relations, and comparative politics.
- Have a competence in the basic methodology of research and analysis in political science and be able to analyze and formulate effective argumentation about the political world in writing and oral presentation, making use of that competence.
- Critically assess the actions of actors in the political process and determine their motives.
- Understand the decisions human beings make in political settings, including those regarding the forms of government available and understand the philosophical underpinnings of political systems, major ideologies, and political parties.

PROFILE: PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

- know and understand the basic concepts, the theoretical and methodological foundations, and the disciplinary links of the political sector
- manage and/or coordinate human resources;
- organize work and coordinate administrative activities;
- take care of the stipulation or supervision of contracts;
- demonstrate knowledge of the institutional, political and ethical context within which public services are delivered in Albania
- demonstrate the definitional and factual knowledge necessary for understanding what public administrators actually do and how they do it.

PROFILE: JOURNALISM

- Has a thorough knowledge of election campaigns and the effects of mass media on political participation and voting;

- Knows the fundamental themes of the political debate on the function of parties, on electoral behavior in contemporary democracies;
- Explains the key concepts in political communication.
- Explains the role of political journalism in a democratic regime.
- Describes the mediatication of the politics. Describes the interaction between new communication technologies and political journalism.

PROFILE: EUROPEAN STUDIES

- Identify the ideal line in European construction and define those elements of continuity and rupture in the decision-making and diplomatic processes, collecting and interpreting the available data based on the more recent historiography and available documentation.
- Have the essential critical tools to sift with an autonomy of judgment and possibly communicate those that cyclically in the public debate are evoked as congenital and peculiar defects of the European construction, such as the democratic deficit, excessive specialization, and technicality, confrontation/competition with the United States and other international entities resulting from regional integration processes.
- Use in-depth knowledge of the European integration process in its economic, political, institutional, historical and legal dimensions and of the different levels of the exercise of political power
- Expertly assess, using appropriate analytical tools and critical thinking, all aspects (economic, political, institutional and legal) of the European integration process both internally and externally
- Comprehend and develop an interdisciplinary and critical view of global issues for the EU, including energy security, sustainable development and the anticipated responses to the economic and financial crisis
- Adopt a stance in debates within the EU, building a science-based, structured and critical line of argument.

PROGRAMME CURRICULA

BACHELOR "POLITICAL SCIENCE" 180 ECTS				
Nr.	Year	Sem	Course name	ECTS
A - GENERAL SUBJECTS/ 15-20%/35 ECTS				
1	I	2	Introduction to Philosophy	6
2	I	1	Introduction to Sociology	5
3	I	1	Academic writing	4
4	II	1	Logic	6
5	I	2	Research Methods	4
6	I	2	Applied Statistics	4
7	II	1	Introduction to Economics	6
				35
B – CHARACTERIZING/CORE SUBJECTS 50-55%/96 ECTS				
1	I	1	Introduction to social anthropology	6
2	I	1	Introduction to communication	6

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Nr.	Year	Sem	Course name	ECTS
3	I	2	Introduction to Political Science	6
4	I	2	Introduction to International Relations	6
5	I	2	Contemporary History	6
6	II	1	Comparative Politics	6
7	II	1	Political Theories	6
8	II	1	Constitutional law	6
9	II	2	Administrative law	6
10	II	2	Theories of democracy	6
11	II	2	History of the state and institutions	6
12	II	2	Introduction to psychology	6
13	III	1	Political Parties and Electoral Systems	6
14	III	2	Albanian Political Studies	6
15	III	1	Public Policies	6
16	III	2	Public Speaking	6
				96
C - INTERDISCIPLINARY/INTEGRATING/ELECTIVE SUBJECTS 12-15%/24 ECTS				
PROFILE I		PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION		
1	II	2	Central and local government	6
2	III	1	Theories of public administration	6
3	III	2	Public risk management	6
4	III	1	Organizational behavior	6
5	III	2	<i>Honors Course</i>	6
PROFILE II		EUROPEAN STUDIES		
1	II	2	History of Integration and EU Institutions	6
2	III	2	New political movements in Europe	6
3	III	1	International Organizations	6
4	III	1	European Union Law	6
5	III	2	<i>Honors Course</i>	6
PROFILE III		JOURNALISM		
1	II	2	News Writing and Reporting	6
2	III	1	Fundamentals of Multimedia	6
3	III	2	Press Office Practicum	6
4	III	1	Photography	6
5	III	2	<i>Honors Course</i>	6
				24
D – ADDITIONAL SUBJECTS 10-15%/18 ECTS				

BACHELOR "POLITICAL SCIENCE" 180 ECTS				
Nr.	Year	Sem	Course name	ECTS
1	I	1	English	5
2	I	1	Basics of Informatics	4
3	III	1	Projects Design and Management	4
4	III	2	Internship and student development	5
				18
E – FINAL OBLIGATIONS /3-5% /7 ECTS				
1	III	1-2	Diploma Thesis / Final Comprehensive Exam	7
			TOTAL	180