

BACHELOR IN “POLITICAL SCIENCE”

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME

The Bachelor's Degree in Political Science introduces undergraduates to the fundamentals of identifying and analysing complex political issues, formulating strategic solutions, and implementing these effectively. The program is structured to develop the critical thinking and decision-making skills of its students, fostering autonomy and sound judgment. This curriculum aims at applying the acquired knowledge to real-world political scenarios, preparing students for diverse roles in the public and private sectors, as well as international relations.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of the program, students will be able to:

- Comprehensively grasp and interconnect core theories and approaches: Demonstrate a deep understanding of fundamental theories, literature, and methodologies across key subfields of political science including government, political theory, international relations, and comparative politics.
- Develop Research and Analytical Skills: Exhibit proficiency in the basic methodologies of research and analysis specific to political science. This includes the ability to critically evaluate and construct compelling arguments about political phenomena, effectively communicated through both written and oral formats.
- Critically Evaluate Political Actions and Motivations: Develop the ability to critically assess the actions and underlying motivations of various political actors. This includes understanding the complex interplay of factors influencing political behavior and decision-making processes.
- Understand Political Decision-Making and Philosophical Underpinnings: Gain a thorough understanding of how individuals and groups make decisions in political contexts. This encompasses a nuanced comprehension of different forms of government, the philosophical bases of various political systems, the ideologies that shape political thought, and the structure and function of political parties.

SPECIALISATION: PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

- Demonstrate mastery of political concepts and public administration frameworks: Gain a thorough understanding of the key concepts, theories, and methodologies in public administration, along with an insight into the political and institutional context, particularly focusing on Albania.
- Develop Human Resources and Administrative Management Skills: Develop the ability to manage human resources effectively and coordinate a range of administrative activities, including planning, organizing, and supervising public sector operations.
- Develop practical insights into public administration: Understand the practical aspects of public administration, including how public administrators function and the impact of their decisions and actions on society.



SPECIALISATION: EUROPEAN STUDIES

- Understand European Integration and decision-making processes.
- Critically evaluate, independently assess and effectively communicate EU public discourse issues.
- Gain in-depth knowledge of European integration process, encompassing its economic, political, institutional, historical, and legal dimensions, and understanding the various levels of political power exercise within the EU.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates have employment opportunities in sectors related to politics:

- Specialists in central and local government administration institutions.
- Diplomatic service officers in embassies, consulates, and diplomatic missions.
- Specialists, consultants, and project/program coordinators in international organizations and NGOs.
- Political journalists/analysts, or news correspondents covering political affairs.
- Research assistants and analysts in research companies, think tanks, or academic institutions.
- Political consultants for political groups or organizations.
- Campaign managers, public relations specialists, political consultants, or speechwriters.

BACHELOR IN "POLITICAL SCIENCE" 180 ECTS

No.	Year	Term	Course's name	ECTS
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A -GENERAL COURSES/ 15-20%/32 ECTS

1	I	1	Introduction to Philosophy	6
2	I	1	Introduction to Sociology	6
3	I	1	Academic Writing and Research Methods	8
4	I	2	Statistics	6
5	II	1	Introduction to Economics	6
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B - CORE COURSES/ 50-55%/98 ECTS

1	I	2	Introduction to Political Science	8
2	I	2	Introduction to International Relations	8
3	I	2	Contemporary History	6
4	II	1	Comparative Politics	6
5	II	2	Political Theories	8
6	II	2	Constitutional Law	6
7	II	1-2	Public International Law 1+2	12
8	II	1	Political Parties and Electoral Systems	6
9	III	1	Introduction to Public Administration	10
10	II	2	Social Psychology	6
11	III	2	Political History of Albania	8
12	III	1	Political Communication	8
13	I	2	Public Speaking	6
				98

C - INTERDISCIPLINARY/INTEGRATIVE COURSES/12-15%/24 ECTS

SPECIALISATION I		PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION		
1	III	1	Introduction to Human Resources Management	6
2	II	2	Organizational Psychology	6
3	III	2	Administrative Law	6
4	III	2	Organizational Communication	6
5	III	2	Honors Course	6
SPECIALISATION II		EUROPEAN STUDIES		
1	II	2	History of Integration and EU Institutions	6
2	III	2	EU Policies	6
3	III	2	International Organizations	6
4	III	1	European Union Law	6
5	III	2	Honors Course	6
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D - ADDITIONAL COURSES/ 10-15%/20 ECTS

1	I	1	English Language B1	5
2	I	1	Basics of Informatics	4
3	II	1	Project Design and Management	6
4	III	2	Internship and Career Development	5
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E - FINAL OBLIGATIONS/ 3-5% /7 ECTS

1	III	1-2	Diploma Thesis/Final Comprehensive Exam	7
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