

POLITICAL SCIENCE

SOCIAL AND CULTURAL POLICIES IN THE EUROPEAN UNION MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME

Educational and qualification degree: MASTER

Professional qualification: MASTER IN SOCIAL AND CULTURAL POLICIES IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

Duration of study: 1 academic year/ 2 semesters

Mode of study: full-time

QUALIFICATION CHARACTERISTICS

I. Basic Characteristics and Educational Objective of the Master's Programme

The Master's program *Social and Cultural Policies in the European Union* aims to meet the rapidly growing demand for highly qualified specialists in the field of European integration, arising from the Republic of Bulgaria's membership in the European Union (EU). The master's programme is intended for candidates holding a Bachelor's or Master's degree in the same professional field.

The Master's programme is highly interdisciplinary, offering knowledge in the fields of political science, law, economics, sociology, philosophy, cultural studies, and history. These disciplines are integrated to address the theoretical and practical dimensions of European social and cultural integration. The training focuses on developing specialized theoretical knowledge alongside key competences and practical skills for implementing EU policies in areas such as social cohesion, education, culture, healthcare, and communications. Particular emphasis is placed on the development of the European Union's competences and powers in the social and cultural domains, as well as on its interaction with the national governments of the Member States in these policy areas. The programme examines the main EU institutions involved in these sectors, the relevant legislation, instruments, funds, and mechanisms used for policy coordination and monitoring. It also develops students' skills in critical analysis and policy evaluation. Enhanced foreign language training is included as part of the programme.

Upon successful completion of the program, graduates may also pursue further academic development through doctoral studies.

II. Professional Competence and Realization

Owing to the in-depth theoretical and specialized training provided by the Master's programme, students acquire the knowledge, skills, and competences necessary for applied research activities, as well as the personal qualities required for professional success in today's complex and dynamic world.

Graduates of the programme are qualified to work in central government bodies, local self-government and administrative institutions, cultural organizations, political parties, and trade unions. They may also pursue careers in the private or non-governmental sectors, including roles involving partnerships with European institutions and participation in the implementation of social and cultural policies within the European Union.

III. Organization and Structure of Study

The master's programme is developed in accordance with the contemporary requirements in theory, practice and research activities in the field of higher education with a particular focus on the social, economic and legal sciences. The programme's curriculum documentation aligns with the latest trends in the development of education in the Republic of Bulgaria, as well as the growing need to deepen training in civic education. Both national and international practice and experience in the respective field have been taken into account in the process of developing it.

The duration of the programme is one academic year (two semesters) and it is intended for candidates who hold a Bachelor's or Master's degree in a field other than Political Science. The curriculum complies with established standards for the professional training of Master's degree holders, ensuring coherence, consistency, and logical progression among the academic disciplines throughout the educational process.

Curriculum:

The Master's programme is structured over four semesters, comprising a total of 1,800 contact hours, equivalent to 60 ECTS credits.

The curriculum includes *compulsory*, *compulsory elective* and *facultative* courses. The **compulsory courses** ensure theoretical foundations and specialized training. The **compulsory elective courses** extend and deepen both theoretical knowledge and subject-specific expertise. What is particular of the **optional courses** is that they allow students to pursue knowledge and skills in other academic disciplines according to students' personal interests. In accordance with Article 2(5) of the Ordinance on State Requirements for Higher Education (SG No. 76/2002), any student may choose optional courses offered by any faculty at SWU "Neofit Rilski," regardless of their home faculty. The total contact hours for optional courses may not exceed 10 % of the programme's overall hours.

To complete the programme, students must either pass a written state examination or successfully defend a Master's thesis. Passing either option awards 15 ECTS credits.

IV. Compliance with the Mission of SWU "Neofit Rilski"

The curriculum and syllabi of the Master's programme in *Social and Cultural Policies in the European Union* are developed in accordance with the mission, educational goals, and research strategies of South-West University "Neofit Rilski" and the Faculty of Philosophy. They reflect the evolving landscape of secondary and higher education in Bulgaria and the country's full integration into the European Union. Built upon established European models, the programme's content is fully comparable to similar offerings at other European universities. At the same time, it incorporates best practices from Bulgarian institutions in Political Science and European Studies, as well as the particular characteristics of the region in which SWU "Neofit Rilski" is located.

CONTENTE OF CURRICULUM

First semester	ECTS credits	Second semester	ECTS credits
History of European Culture	5	Education And Science Policy of the EU	3
EU Health Policy	5	Cultural Policies in the EU	3
EU Economic Policy	5	Elective Course of Group Two	3
Social Policies in the EU	5	Elective Course of Group Two	3
English Language	4	Management of EU-Funded Projects	3
Elective Course of Group One	3	Graduation: State Exam or Thesis Defense	15
Elective Course of Group One	3		
	Total 30		Total 30
Elective courses /Group one/	ECTS credits	Elective courses /Group two/	ECTS credits
<i>Students choose two courses</i>		<i>Students choose three courses</i>	
Human Rights and Their Protection in the EU	3	History of Political Ideas in Europe	3
Religions in Europe	3	Cultural Management	3
History of the European Idea	3	EU Funds and Programs	3
EU Media Policy	3	Comparative Analysis of the Political Systems in the EU	3
TOTAL FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR: 60 CREDITS			

ANNOTATIONS OF COURSES

COMPULSORY COURSES

HISTORY OF THE EUROPEAN CULTURE

ECTS credits: 5

Hours: 2 lectures

Assessment: exam

Type of exam: written

Semester: I

Methodical guide:

Department of Philosophical and Political Sciences

Faculty of Philosophy

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Annotation:

The research and analysis course “The History of European Culture” examines some of the main dimensions of the culture of the ancient Mediterranean, which are the basis of the modern

European identity, as well as some of the axes in European culture - Christianity, the Renaissance, the Reformation and the Enlightenment. Special emphasis in the course is given to the last two and a half centuries in European cultural history - from the industrial revolution and the birth of nations, to the imposition of totalitarian regimes and the crisis of the paradigm of modernity.

Content of the course:

The Gods and the people. The Polis and “The Others”. Roman Law: Implications for Europe. The rise of Byzantine culture - characteristic features. The Italian Renaissance and Humanism. The Reformation and the Counter-Reformation. The Enlightenment and the Great French Revolution. The industrial revolution. 19th century: the intellectual situation in Europe. The First World War - The Cultural Consequences. The cultural mythology of totalitarian regimes. 1968. Mass culture, subculture and counterculture in contemporary Europe. The evolution of publicity.

Teaching and assessment method:

The training is carried out by means of traditional and contemporary interactive teaching methods and approaches. Students shall perform their activities as part of their contact and non-contact student workload. The final grade is calculated on the basis of the marks received from a midterm examination conducted during the semester and from a written exam, conducted at the end of the semester’s course of study. The final grade is formed in compliance with the ECTS requirements.

EU HEALTH POLICY

ECTS credits: 5

Hours: 2 lectures + 1 seminar

Assessment: exam

Type of exam: written

Semester: I

Methodical guide:

Department of Philosophical and Political Sciences

Faculty of Philosophy

Lecturer: Assoc. Prof. Vaska Stancheva-Popkostadinova, PhD, Department of Medical Sciences

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Annotation:

The main objective of the European health policy is to achieve good health for all citizens of Europe and to successfully deal with significant health challenges facing the EU - from the consequences of an aging population to the high rates of morbidity related to lifestyle and the rising rates of infectious diseases. diseases such as HIV/AIDS and SARS. The aim of the course is to present: basic terminology, principles, strategies and action plans for the implementation of EU health programs in its member countries. Students should acquire a wide range of knowledge and skills to develop and implement EU health policies and strategies.

Content of the course:

The study course is composed of two thematic modules. In the first (general) module, the dimensions of the health policy, its determinants, structure, and basic principles are considered. The second (specialized) module presents the priority programs and strategies of the European Union for the protection of public health, to overcome the effects of poor nutrition, lack of physical

activity, smoking, alcohol, drugs, genetic disorders, aging and sexual intercourse, harmful effects of the environment.

Teaching and assessment method:

The training is carried out by means of traditional and contemporary interactive teaching methods and approaches. Students shall perform their activities as part of their contact and non-contact student workload. The final grade is calculated on the basis of the marks received from a midterm examination conducted during the semester and from a written exam, conducted at the end of the semester's course of study. The final grade is formed in compliance with the ECTS requirements.

EU ECONOMIC POLICY

ECTS credits: 5

Hours: 2 lectures + 1 seminar

Assessment: exam

Type of exam: written

Semester: I

Methodical guide:

Department of Philosophical and Political Sciences

Faculty of Philosophy

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Annotation:

The course on the discipline "EU economic policy" is designed to acquire knowledge about the role of the European Union in the conditions of economic globalization. An objective necessity is the complex study and analysis of the processes taking place in it. Understanding the essence and problems of European integration also implies the availability of basic knowledge on issues of general economic theory and the world economy.

Content of the course:

The main goal of the course is to present the features and prospects for the development of the European Union, in relation to the accelerating integration processes in the world as a whole, and especially for countries like Bulgaria.

Teaching and assessment method:

The training is carried out by means of traditional and contemporary interactive teaching methods and approaches. Students shall perform their activities as part of their contact and non-contact student workload. The final grade is calculated on the basis of the marks received from a midterm examination conducted during the semester and from a written exam, conducted at the end of the semester's course of study. The final grade is formed in compliance with the ECTS requirements.

SOCIAL POLICIES IN THE EU

ECTS credits: 5

Hours: 2 lectures + 1 seminar

Assessment: exam

Type of exam: written

Semester: I

Methodical guide:

Department of Philosophical and Political Sciences

Faculty of Philosophy

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Annotation:

The object of analysis under “Social policies in the EU” is the set of public activities related to social relations with the aim of regulating social equality and inequality. The subjects building or implementing regulatory mechanisms are bodies, institutions, and organizations (the state, political parties, non-governmental organizations, companies, citizens, international institutions and organizations). The object of regulation are separate aspects of an individual's life - his work, health, education, family development, etc.

Content of the course:

European social model. Main trends. Present and future of the welfare state. Social policy in the field of labor - social dialogue. Social policy towards poverty. Unemployment in Europe. Social policy towards inequalities. Anti-discrimination policy. Social Security. Social policy towards pensioners. Pension reforms. Social policy in health care. Social assistance. Social services. Family social policy in Europe. Immigration policy. Policies towards people with disabilities. Social policies in other regions of the world.

Teaching and assessment method:

The training is carried out by means of traditional and contemporary interactive teaching methods and approaches. Students shall perform their activities as part of their contact and non-contact student workload. The final grade is calculated on the basis of the marks received from a midterm examination conducted during the semester and from a written exam, conducted at the end of the semester's course of study. The final grade is formed in compliance with the ECTS requirements.

EDUCATION AND SCIENCE POLICY OF THE EU

ECTS credits: 3

Hours: 2 lectures

Assessment: exam

Type of exam: written

Semester: II

Methodical guide:

Department of Philosophical and Political Sciences

Faculty of Philosophy

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Annotation:

The subject “Educational and scientific policies of the EU” aims to outline possible ways to reveal the essence of education and science, and their place in culture and social development. Its primary task is to consider the nature of education as a special socio-cultural practice, which predetermines the foundations of culture itself - the direction towards building, forming, and growing the image of man.

Content of the course:

The multidirectional dimensions of the understanding of culture and their humanitarian dominance. Education as a cultural problem. The classical ideal of education. Christian Thinkers on Education. Renaissance humanism and the new idea of the human. The educational ideal of the Enlightenment. Education policies of the EU. Objectives and framework programs. Projections of neohumanism in education. The ideas of Wilhelm Dilthey and the definition of pedagogy as an independent and independent science. Changes in contemporary educational theories and policies. Postmodernist theory of education. European policies in the field of scientific research and technological development.

Teaching and assessment method:

The training is carried out by means of traditional and contemporary interactive teaching methods and approaches. Students shall perform their activities as part of their contact and non-contact student workload. The final grade is calculated on the basis of the marks received from a midterm examination conducted during the semester and from a written exam, conducted at the end of the semester's course of study. The final grade is formed in compliance with the ECTS requirements.

CULTURAL POLICIES IN THE EU

ECTS credits: 3

Hours: 2 lectures + 1 seminar

Assessment: exam

Type of exam: written

Semester: II

Methodical guide:

Department of Philosophical and Political Sciences

Faculty of Philosophy

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Annotation

The course is aimed at understanding the nature of the effective and strategic role of cultural policies related to the management of cultural resources, impacts and support for the arts, cultural institutions and activities in a historical and contemporary context.

Content of the course:

The main modules structure the content of the course according to its own logic in revealing the subject matter of the discipline, focusing on: the main characteristics of cultural policies and their historical development in Bulgaria in a comparative plan; separate topics in foreign cultural policies.

General issues in the field of cultural policies are considered both in view of political, administrative, market processes and national contexts, as well as according to the specifics of Bulgarian social development, supported by theoretical and empirical arguments. The issue of separate stages and models of cultural policies is covered, as well as the changing discourse of cultural policies in view of the processes of decentralization, regionalization, privatization and urbanization.

Teaching and assessment method:

The training is carried out by means of traditional and contemporary interactive teaching methods and approaches. Students shall perform their activities as part of their contact and non-

contact student workload. The final grade is calculated on the basis of the marks received from a midterm examination conducted during the semester and from a written exam, conducted at the end of the semester's course of study. The final grade is formed in compliance with the ECTS requirements.

MANAGEMENT OF EU FUNDED PROJECTS

ECTS credits: 3

Hours: 2 lectures + 1 seminar

Assessment: exam

Type of exam: written

Semester: II

Methodical guide:

Department of Philosophical and Political Sciences

Faculty of Philosophy

Lecturers: Assoc. Prof. Desislava Stoilova, PhD, Department of Finance and Accountability

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Annotation:

The lecture course "Management of EU-funded projects" aims to present all aspects and mechanisms of application, the structure of the project proposal, project management from the provision of documents to the implementation of the activities, types of entities that can apply, as well as how to apply for all funds and programs.

Content of the course:

Among the main issues addressed are: Nature of project management. General framework and rules for projects. Difference between funds and programs. Institutions that finance projects. Project cycle. Procedures for the selection of project proposals. New enhanced priorities and projects based on them in the current financial framework 2021-2027. Elements and terminology of projects. Pre-project preparation. Elements of the application form and their content. Project justification. Correspondence of the project with the objectives of the priority area, with the area of intervention or priority axis, with the general objectives of the operational program. Project Manager and Project Team. Team roles and job characteristics. Definitions of the target group, direct and indirect beneficiaries of the project - examples. Project activities - types, terminology, planning of project activities, examples. Project results, output, and impact indicators. Horizontal principles, their indicators and EC regulatory framework. Project budget. Eligible project costs - the regulatory framework for different OPs. Procedures for determining subcontractors. Requirements for other applications in the project documentation.

Teaching and assessment method:

The training is carried out by means of traditional and contemporary interactive teaching methods and approaches. Students shall perform their activities as part of their contact and non-contact student workload. The final grade is calculated on the basis of the marks received from a midterm examination conducted during the semester and from a written exam, conducted at the end of the semester's course of study. The final grade is formed in compliance with the ECTS requirements.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

ECTS credits: 18

Assessment: exam

Semester: I

Methodical guide:

Department of Philosophical and Political Sciences

Faculty of Philosophy

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Annotation:

The structure and content of the course are aimed at developing knowledge and skills in English for listening, speaking, reading and writing, through various grammatical and communicative tasks and activities implemented in order to build up the student's confidence in applying and integrating the learning material. The training aims for consistent and methodical introduction and development of grammatical and lexical characteristics. The course also emphasizes on the study of specialized lexical units and work with specialized literature related to the profile of the specialty.

Content of the course:

Grammatical and lexical norms and constructions. Practical grammar exercises. Study of lexical units necessary for independent use of the language in the thematic areas provided for in the programme. Current idiomatic expressions. Specialized texts. Specialized terminology.

Teaching and assessment method:

The training is carried out by means of traditional and contemporary interactive teaching methods and approaches. Students shall perform their activities as part of their contact and non-contact student workload. The final grade is calculated on the basis of the marks received from a midterm examination conducted during the semester and from a written exam, conducted at the end of the semester's course of study. The final grade is formed in compliance with the ECTS requirements.

ELECTIVE COURSES

HUMAN RIGHTS AND THEIR PROTECTION IN THE EU

ECTS credits: 3

Assessment: exam

Semester: I

Methodical guide:

Department of Philosophical and Political Sciences

Faculty of Philosophy

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Annotation:

The renewal of legislation and the development of social processes in our country, the acceptance of Bulgaria as a member of international organizations, such as the Council of Europe, the European Union and NATO, and the ratification of a number of international treaties on human rights and minorities, determine the need to study this issue. The lecture course examines basic issues of human rights studies, in particular the rights of minorities, the system of individual and collective rights and freedoms, as well as the means and mechanisms for their protection. Human and minority rights are considered as a subject of domestic and international law.

Content of the course:

The idea of the course is for students to gain basic knowledge about legal regulation and the realization of human and minority rights in social practice. Emphasis is placed on the practical dimensions of the problems that students, in view of their future work, would inevitably face. Expected results: understanding the meaning and significance of the concept, practical implementation and protection of human and minority rights; formation of an active civil and professional position for the protection of human and minority rights.

Teaching and assessment method:

The training is carried out by means of traditional and contemporary interactive teaching methods and approaches. Students shall perform their activities as part of their contact and non-contact student workload. The final grade is calculated on the basis of the marks received from a midterm examination conducted during the semester and from a written exam, conducted at the end of the semester's course of study. The final grade is formed in compliance with the ECTS requirements.

RELIGIONS IN EUROPE

ECTS credits: 3

Hours: 2 lectures

Assessment: exam

Type of exam: written

Semester: I

Methodical guide:

Department of Philosophical and Political Sciences

Faculty of Philosophy

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Annotation:

The subject of analysis are religions in Europe. Issues related to the evolution of the major world religions on the European continent are discussed. Real trends of modern society are traced - religious pluralism, secularization, religious mobilization, etc. By presenting the results of an empirical sociological study, students get an opportunity for scientific analysis and comparison. The lecture course includes literature that will contribute to the formation of an adequate view and sensitivity to the studied matter. In the lectures, basic categories, concepts and principles are

brought out and problematized, which support orientation in the religious dilemmas of modernity. The course assumes a dynamic rather than a fixed definition of religion in modern societies.

Content of the course:

Religions in Europe - introduces students to the issues of religious communities, their main representatives and their distribution in Europe. The aim is to create in students a sense of the relationship between the individual and the community: how different religions with different cultures interact within themselves, with each other and with the larger European society. It is expected that once students have acquired such a perspective and 'understanding' of religions in Europe, they will be able to apply the same way of observation, analysis and theorization to other aspects of life as well as enrich themselves with a wider understanding of religions and their role in modern society. Examples are given of the main representatives of religions in Europe, and their social and political aspects. Controversies and conflicts related to religions are addressed.

Teaching and assessment method:

The training is carried out by means of traditional and contemporary interactive teaching methods and approaches. Students shall perform their activities as part of their contact and non-contact student workload. The final grade is calculated on the basis of the marks received from a midterm examination conducted during the semester and from a written exam, conducted at the end of the semester's course of study. The final grade is formed in compliance with the ECTS requirements.

HISTORY OF THE EUROPEAN IDEA

ECTS credits: 3

Hours: 2 lectures

Assessment: exam

Type of exam: written

Semester: I

Methodical guide:

Department of Philosophical and Political Sciences

Faculty of Philosophy

Lecturer: Chief Assist. Prof. Tatyana Petkova, PhD, Department of Philosophical and Political Sciences

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Annotation:

The lecture course on "History of the European Idea" has a theoretical and cognitive orientation. Main theses are analyzed, such as ideas about Europe and projects for Europe; the processes of formation of the European identity over the centuries; the foundations of European culture and the idea of Eurocentricity; philosophers' concepts of European unity, etc.

Content of the course:

Ideas of Europe and Projects of Europe: Approaches to the History of the European Idea. The mythology of Europe. The ancient Greek idea: Europe as a symbol of freedom. Europe in the Middle Ages. Medieval man: the homemaker and the "man-on-the-road." Medieval Pilgrimage and the Formation of Medieval Identity. Interregional connections and networks of interactions within pilgrimage routes. What does Europe owe to Arab civilization? Renaissance humanism and the idea of Europe. The great geographical discoveries and the self-discovery of Europe. Changes in the social horizon of Renaissance man. The birth of Eurocentrism. The Grand Tour and European identity. Philosophers of the New Age as participants in the Grand Tour. Immanuel Kant

and European Unity: “Towards Eternal Peace”. Husserl on the crisis of European sciences. Spengler: The Decline of Europe. José Ortega y Gasset: Europe and the Idea of Nation & Gadamer on the European Heritage.

Teaching and assessment method:

The training is carried out by means of traditional and contemporary interactive teaching methods and approaches. Students shall perform their activities as part of their contact and non-contact student workload. The final grade is calculated on the basis of the marks received from a midterm examination conducted during the semester and from a written exam, conducted at the end of the semester’s course of study. The final grade is formed in compliance with the ECTS requirements.

EU MEDIA POLICY

ECTS credits: 3

Hours: 2 lectures

Assessment: exam

Type of exam: written

Semester: I

Methodical guide:

Department of Philosophical and Political Sciences

Faculty of Philosophy

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Annotation:

The course “Media Policy of the EU” aims to provide students with the opportunity to acquire in-depth and up-to-date knowledge about the essence of the audio-visual and media policy of the European Union. Emphasis is placed on the EU Audiovisual Media Services Directive, which, as a key piece of legislation for media pluralism, aims to create an effective single European market for audiovisual media services. The objectives of EU coordination in the field of media are explained. The principles for the regulation of audiovisual media services at the European level are analyzed. The work of the European Parliament and the European Commission in the field of media and communications is examined in detail. A special place is occupied by the question of the transposition and implementation of the EU directives in the audiovisual policies of the Republic of Bulgaria.

Content of the course:

The emergence of the media policy of the European Union. History of the Community audiovisual regulatory framework. Audiovisual Media Services Directive. Objectives of EU coordination in the field of media. Principles for the regulation of audiovisual media services at the European level. Convergence - the transformation in the audiovisual media landscape. Audiovisual commercial communications. Promotion and distribution of European works. Protection of users of audiovisual services. European Regulators Group for Audiovisual Media Services (ERGA). Transposition and implementation of the EU Directives in the audiovisual policies of the Republic of Bulgaria - problems and perspectives. The activity of the multimedia center of the European Parliament. Media policy of the European Commission's Directorate-General for Communication on explaining EU policies to an external audience. Communication campaigns within the Commission. Official Journal of the European Union.

Teaching and assessment method:

The training is carried out by means of traditional and contemporary interactive teaching methods and approaches. Students shall perform their activities as part of their contact and non-contact student workload. The final grade is calculated on the basis of the marks received from a midterm examination conducted during the semester and from a written exam, conducted at the end of the semester's course of study. The final grade is formed in compliance with the ECTS requirements.

HISTORY OF POLITICAL IDEAS IN EUROPE

ECTS credits: 3

Hours: 2 lectures

Assessment: exam

Type of exam: written

Semester: II

Methodical guide:

Department of Philosophical and Political Sciences

Faculty of Philosophy

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Annotation:

The “History of Political Ideas in Europe” course analyzes, summarizes and systematizes the best achievements of political thought from antiquity to the present day. The views of individual authors are examined in historical and comparative terms, and their place in the history of political science is highlighted, according to the context of the era in which they were formulated and developed. Basic political ideas and doctrines are covered, with an emphasis on the achievements of European political thought. Special attention is paid to the most influential modern political concepts, as well as to the disclosure of the most important aspects and directions of their application in the real political life of society.

Content of the course:

The history of political ideas as a subject. Main paradigms, doctrines and stages in the development of European political thought. Ancient Greek and Roman political thought. The doctrine of the natural historical origin of the state. The doctrine of the divine origin of the state. Eastern and Western Christian political thought. Political thought during the Renaissance, the Reformation, the New Age and the Enlightenment. The doctrine of the social contract. The political teachings of the 19th and 20th centuries. A socio-historical, liberal and totalitarian doctrine of politics. The state and politics in the postmodern (global) era. The Doctrine of Universal Liberal Democracy and the End of History. Monocentric and polycentric political models, technocratic and globalization interpretations of 21st-century politics.

Teaching and assessment method:

The training is carried out by means of traditional and contemporary interactive teaching methods and approaches. Students shall perform their activities as part of their contact and non-contact student workload. The final grade is calculated on the basis of the marks received from a midterm examination conducted during the semester and from a written exam, conducted at the end of the semester's course of study. The final grade is formed in compliance with the ECTS requirements.

CULTURAL MANAGEMENT

ECTS credits: 3

Assessment: exam

Semester: II

Methodical guide:

Department of Philosophical and Political Sciences

Faculty of Philosophy

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Annotation:

The discipline “Cultural Management” is aimed at understanding the nature of the effective and strategic role in the management of cultural organizations related to the management of resources, impacts and support for a cultural product, for the development of audiences. The main topics structure the content of the course, according to its own logic in revealing the subject of the discipline, emphasizing on: the main characteristics of cultural management; the separate dimensions of cultural management - strategy, structure, leadership; contemporary cultural policies.

Content of the course:

Nature, goals and tasks of cultural management. Formation of goals and strategy of the cultural organization. The organizational structure. Organizational life cycle. Basic principles in forming the organizational structure of the cultural organization. Types of organizational structures. Project organization. Project management in the cultural sector. Organizational culture and ethical values. Cultural leadership and team environment. Coordination and decision-making. Types of management decisions in the cultural sector. Cultural entrepreneurship. Subject and methods of cultural entrepreneurship. Event management. Cultural management and event production.

Teaching and assessment method:

The training is carried out by means of traditional and contemporary interactive teaching methods and approaches. Students shall perform their activities as part of their contact and non-contact student workload. The final grade is calculated on the basis of the marks received from a midterm examination conducted during the semester and from a written exam, conducted at the end of the semester’s course of study. The final grade is formed in compliance with the ECTS requirements.

EU FUNDS AND PROGRAMS

ECTS credits: 3

Assessment: exam

Semester: II

Methodical guide:

Department of Philosophical and Political Sciences

Faculty of Philosophy

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Annotation:

The lecture courses by “EU Funds and Programs” aims to introduce students to the basic concepts, funds and programs with which the EU finances its common policies.

Content of the course:

The course covers the various aspects of fund allocation, mechanisms, management, entities that can apply and how to apply. It is planned to examine the strategic documents, the financial framework and the project opportunities foreseen for Bulgaria, the project cycle, financial flows and control and reporting mechanisms.

Teaching and assessment method:

The training is carried out by means of traditional and contemporary interactive teaching methods and approaches. Students shall perform their activities as part of their contact and non-contact student workload. The final grade is calculated on the basis of the marks received from a midterm examination conducted during the semester and from a written exam, conducted at the end of the semester’s course of study. The final grade is formed in compliance with the ECTS requirements.

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF THE POLITICAL SYSTEMS IN THE EU

CTS credits: 3

Hours: 2 lectures + 1 seminar

Assessment: exam

Type of exam: written

Semester: II

Methodical guide:

Department of Philosophical and Political Sciences

Faculty of Philosophy

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Annotation:

The course “Comparative analysis of political systems in the EU” combines two modules. First, the basic concepts and methodological criteria of comparative political science are introduced, and on this basis, the different forms of state organization, state and political administration in the EU member states are analyzed. The second module is dedicated to the comparison of the main political institutions in the modern societies of the EU countries. The methods of formation and functions of the legislative and executive authorities in several presidential, semi-presidential and parliamentary republics are analyzed.

Content of the course:

History of European integration. Institutional architecture of the EU - legislative, executive and judicial power in the EU. Legal nature of the European Union, legal personality, types of competence, and the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality. The role of national parliaments in the control of implementation of the principle of subsidiarity. Membership. Increased cooperation. Forms of state organization in the EU. Forms of government in the EU. Comparative

analysis of different forms of government and constitutions - practical applicability of constitutional models of separation of powers in the EU. The political system in Bulgaria. Political systems in Germany. The political systems in Spain. The political systems in Italy. The political systems in France. The European Union is a global foreign policy actor in the system of international relations. Common European security and defense policy, as a component of the EU's external relations. A comparative analysis of the legislatures in France, Italy and Germany. A comparative analysis of executive power in France, Italy and Germany. A comparative analysis of the electoral systems implemented in Italy, France and Germany. Collective Identity in the Modern Age. Nation, region, ethnicity, religious community. Majorities and minorities in the EU.

Teaching and assessment method:

The training is carried out by means of traditional and contemporary interactive teaching methods and approaches. Students shall perform their activities as part of their contact and non-contact student workload. The final grade is calculated on the basis of the marks received from a midterm examination conducted during the semester and from a written exam, conducted at the end of the semester's course of study. The final grade is formed in compliance with the ECTS requirements.