

**BP „POLITICS AND SOCIETY (IN ENGLISH)“
CATALOGUE 2015**

Presentation

What is an individual? What is society? What is civilization? What is justice? Why do we have states and political parties? How can we decently thrive in the 21st century?

Politics and Society addresses these, and connected issues, in a modern setting with up-to-date methods of interactive teaching with a pronounced practical bent.

The first two years' study encompasses: practical and general lecture courses in the fields of Politics, Society, Governance and International Relations, interlinking with disciplines such as sociology, social anthropology and economics.

The Programme is conducted exclusively in English. Our key lecturers come from the academic world, as well as practical politics and business.

During the third and fourth years, the education process is organised around more narrowly profiled courses and practice-oriented educational forms.

Speciality and professional qualification

Speciality: Political sciences

Qualification: Political scientist

Practice:

Practical training includes hands-on work in the field of politics, public policy-making and international relations, with temporary employment in regional and national-level government and non-government institutions – mayors' offices, municipalities, agencies, research centres etc.

International mobility:

The Programme provides opportunities for international student mobility with Universities in Belgium, Italy, Switzerland, France, Spain, Cyprus, Germany, Turkey and Poland.

Competences on completion of the Programme – students:

- Have acquired knowledge of the basic concepts and categories related to the understanding of politics and society; have a working knowledge of the main schools of thought in this field, as well as relevant skills, such as strategic analysis, team building, leadership.
- Have acquired the skills to implement the main approaches in the research of society, government and politics, the organization of political campaigns, production of political documents, strategies, programmes and platforms.

Graduation

Graduation from the Programme takes place on the basis of a public defence of a Bachelor thesis or a State exam, following the accumulation of the required number of credits.

The terms and conditions for the graduation procedures are according with the "Standard for the graduation of the Bachelor and Master degrees at NBU"

Professional qualifications and carrier opportunities

Graduates of the Programme have followed careers in: media and PR; political science; experts with international programmes and projects; experts with international government and non-government

institutions; foreign ministries; international organizations; government administration; political parties; NGOs; research centres and Universities.

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Programme structure

By semester, the educational requirement includes: **1st-2nd semester** – 3 credits from general courses, 3 credits from skills-related courses (Bulgarian language or computer literacy), 30 hours of two-semester courses in sports / arts / languages, 12 credits from foreign languages, 12 credits from practical courses; **3rd-4th semester** – 12 credits from foreign language learning, 18 credits from practical courses.

CATALOGUE Γ 2015**CURRENT****FIRST YEAR*****BASICS OF POLITICS AND SOCIETY*****PRACTICAL COURSE (CREDIT COURSES)**

POLS 136 Politics: The Fundamental ideas 1/1, Prof. Evgenii Dainov, PhD., 30 academic hours, 3 credits

POLS137 The Uses of Political Economy 1/1, Ass. Prof. Kiril Avramov, Ph.D. , 30 academic hours, 3 credits

POLS120 Culture, Religion & Society , 1/1, Ass. Prof. Veronika Azarova, Ph.D., 30 academic hours, 3 credits

POLS138 Basic Ideas In Sociology 1/1, Assoc. Prof. Antonii Gulabov , Ph.D., 30 academic hours, 3 credits

POLS139 Law and Legal Systems 1/1, Dragomir Yordanov, 30 academic hours, 3 credits

Auditoria classes (credit courses)

OOK 105 English for Political Sciences (C1.1), Rositca Christova, 150 hs.,1/1, 12 cr.

SECOND SEMESTER**PRACTICAL COURSE (CREDIT COURSES)**

POLS140 Political Ideologies: Looking at the World as Political Agents, 1/1, Prof. Evgenii Dainov, Ph.D., 30 academic hours, 3 credits

POLS141 Political Anthropology: Power, Ritual and Group, 1/1 , Assoc. Prof. Vassil Garnizov, Ph.D., 30 academic hours, 3 credits.

POLS142 International Relations: How Do States Interrelate, 1/1, Filip Dimitrov, Ph.D., Hristo Panchugov,30 academic hours, 3 credits.

POLS143 Political Systems: How Are States Constructed, 1/1, Ass. Prof, Ivan Nachev, Ph.D. and Ass. Prof. Lubomir Stefanov, Ph.D, 30 academic hours, 3 credits.

POLS127 European Civilization 1/1, Prof. Dr. Plamen S.Tzvetkov, Litt.D., 30 academic hours, 3 credits.

Auditoria classes (credit courses)

OOK 200 ENGLISH FOR POLITICAL SCIENCES (C1.2), ROSITCA CHRISTOVA, 150 HS., 12 CR.

SECOND YEAR***ISSUES IN POLITICS*****THIRD SEMESTER****PRACTICAL COURSE (CREDIT COURSES)**

POLS 245 Leadership In the 21st century, 1/1, Prof. Evgenii Dainov, Ph.D. 30 academic hours, 3 credits.

POLS404 Conflict and war in the modern world, 1/1 ,Boyko Noev, 30 academic hours, 3 credits

POLS246 Groups, Teams, Organizations, 1/1 , Assoc. Prof. Haralan Alexandrov, Ph.D. and Galina Markova, 30 academic hours, 3 credits.

POLS247 Institutions: What Do They Do and Why DO We Need Them?, 1/1, Ass. Prof. Lyubomir Stefanov, Ph.D., 30 academic hours, 3 credits.

POLS243 Life as a Project: knowledge, skills and attitudes , 1/1 ,Assoc. Prof. Tatyana Tomova, PhD., 30 academic hours, 3 credits.

POLS248 Getting Things Done: Organizing, Lobbying and Campaigning, 1/1, Hristo Panchugov , 30 academic hours, 3 creditis
POLS 227 Basic Methods of Political Analysis, 1/1 , Assoc. Prof. Antony Galabov, Ph.D., 30 academic hours, 3 creditis.
POLS249 The Modern State: Benefits, Risks, Theories, 1/1 , Vladimir Shopov, 30 academic hours, 3 creditis.
Auditoria classes (credit courses)
OOOK 300 English for Political Sciences (C2.1) , 150 hs, 12 cr.
FOURTH SEMESTER
PRACTICAL COURSE (CREDIT COURSES)
POLS250 Modern Democracy: Concepts and Theories, 1/1 , Filip Dimitrov, Ph.D. Hristo Panchugov, 30 academic hours, 3 creditis.
POLS251 Transitions: What Are They and Where Do They Lead, 1/1 , Mladen Mladenov, Ph.D., 30 academic hours, 3 creditis.
POLS244 Statistical methods in Social science, 1/1 , Prof. Krasimir Kalinov, PhD., 30 academic hours, 3 creditis.
POLS252 Cultural Characteristics of Socialism and Post-socialism, 1/1 , Assoc. Prof. Evgeniya Blagoeva, Ph.D., 30 academic hours, 3 creditis.
POLS253 Human Rights: Where Do They Come From and Why Do We Need Them, 1/1 , Yonko Grozev, 30 academic hours, 3 creditis
POLS315 Politics and Social Policy, 1/1 , Assoc. Prof. Haralan Alexandrov, Ph.D. and Galina Markova, 30 academic hours, 3 creditis
POLS316 Nations, Ethnicity, Nationalism, 1/1 , Ass. Prof. Boyan Dumanov, PhD., 30 academic hours, 3 creditis.
POLS254 Politics and Religion: Challenges In the 21st Century, 1/1 , Ass. Prof. Ivan Nachev, Ph.D. and Ass. Prof. Lubomir Stefanov, Ph.D, 30 academic hours, 3 creditis.
Auditoria classes (credit courses)
OOOK 400 English for Political Sciences (C2.2) , 150 hs., 12 cr.

PROGRAMME PART II

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOL

THIRD AND FOURTH YEAR

Programme structure

In their third year the students choose 6 of 8 courses from the program, and 4 of 6 non – auditorium forms provided by the program per semester. In the seventh semester the students choose 6 of 8 program courses and the non-auditorium form is an internship that brings 12 credits. In the eighth semester the students choose 4 out of 6 program courses and should participate in an internship as non –auditorium form that brings 18 credits.

THIRD YEAR
<i>GETTING THINGS DONE IN POLITICS</i>
FIFTH SEMESTER
LECTURE COURSES (CREDIT COURSES)
POLS302 Representative Government, 1/1 , Ass. Prof. Kiril Avramov, Ph.D., 30 academic hours, 3 creditis.
POLS202 Political Parties, 1/1 , Prof. Evgenii Dainov, Ph. D., 30 academic hours, 3 creditis.
POLS211 The Black Sea Region: Politcs, Potential, Challenges, 1/1 , Ass. Prof. Lubomir Stefanov, Ph.D and Ass. Prof. Hristo Panchugov, 30 academic hours, 3 creditis.
POLS 215 Political Ideas and Practices in Modern Bulgarian History , 1/1 , Prof. Dr. Plamen S.Tzvetkov, Litt.D., 30 academic hours, 3 creditis.
POLS214 Political System of the EU, 1/1 , Ass. Prof. Katya Hristova, Ph.D., 30 academic hours, 3 creditis.
POLS340 Political Regimes in South Eastern Europe, 1/1 , Prof. Antonii Todorovq PhD., 30 academic hours, 3 creditis.
POLS408 Methods in the Analysis of Foreign Policy, 1/1 , Assoc. Prof. Antony Galabov, Ph.D., 30 academic hours, 3 creditis.
POLS219 The Political Systems of Great Britain and the United States, 1/1 , Prof. Roumen Genov, Ph.D., 30 academic hours, 3 creditis
NON AUDITORIA CLASSES (CREDIT COURSES)
POLS338 Practicum: Political Parties , Prof. Evgenii Dainov, Ph.D., 9 credits
POLS330 Practicum: Representative government , Ass. Prof . Kiril Avramov, Ph.D., 9 credits
POLS332 Individual works: The Political systems of UK and USA , Prof. Rumen Genov, Ph.D. 3 credits
POLS333 Individual works: The Political System of EU , Ass. Prof. Katya Hristova, Ph.D. ,3 credits

SIXTH SEMESTER
LECTURE COURSES (CREDIT COURSES)
POLS401 Diplomatic history of the 20th century, 1/1 , Philip Dimitrov, Ph.D. and Assoc. Prof. Sonya Hinkova, Ph.D., 30 academic hours, 3 credits.
POLS348 National Security: What Is It and Where Is It Going?, 1/1 , Col. Valeri Rachev, 30 academic hours, 3 credits.
POLS220 Terrorism and Fundamentalism, 1/1 , Assoc. Prof. Mira Mayer, Ph.D., 30 academic hours, 3 credits.
POLS347 The European Economy: aims and risks of integration, 1/1 , Ass. Prof. Kiril Avramov, Ph.D., 30 academic hours, 3 credits.
POLS305 Democracy and the Media, 1/1 , Ivan Bedrov, 30 academic hours, 3 credits.
POLS349 Politics, Citizens and Participation, 1/1 , Galina Markova, Ph.D., 30 academic hours, 3 credits.
POLS341 Political Systems East of the EU, 1/1 , Mladen Mladenov, Ph.D., 30 academic hours, 3 credits.
POLS342 Integration and disintegration in Europe and its periphery, 1/1 , Vladimir Shopov, 30 academic hours, 3 credits.
NON AUDITORIA CLASSES (CREDIT COURSES)
POLS335 Practicum: Democracy and media , Ivan Bedrov and Ass. Prof. Hristo Panchugov, 9 credits
POLS344 Practicum: Politics and Participation , Galina Markova-Derelievaq Ph.D., 9 credits
POLS345 Individual works: Integration and disintegration in Europe and its periphery , Ass. Prof. Kiril Avramov, Ph.D., 3 credits.
POLS346 Individual works: Political Systems East of the EU , Mladen Mladenov, Ph.D., 3 credits.
FOURTH YEAR
<i>POLITICS IN THE 21ST CENTURY</i>
SEVENTH SEMESTER
LECTURE COURSES (CREDIT COURSES)
POLS449 Security and Foreign Policy of the United States, 1/1 , Philip Dimitrov, Ph.D. and Hristo Panchugov, 30 academic hours, 3 credits.
POLS450 Security and Foreign Policy of the Russian Federation, 1/1 , Prof. Evgenii Dainov Ph.D., 30 academic hours, 3 credits.
POLS420 Security and foreign policy in the Black Sea Region, 1/1 , Ass. prof. Lyubomir Stefanov, Ph.D and Hristo Panchugov, 30 academic hours, 3 credits.
POLS436 European Security: Dangers, Risks and Counteraction, 1/1, Assoc. Prof. Todor Kolarov, Ph.D. 30 academic hours, 3 credits.
POLS437 Imagining the Nations: Political Anthropology of the Balkans, 1/1 , Ass. prof. Nevena Dimitrova, Ph.D., 30 academic hours, 3 credits.
POLS451 Rational Choice in Politics and Society, 1/1 , Ass. Prof. Kiril Avramov, Ph.D., 30 academic hours, 3 credits.
POLS452 How to Write about Politics?, 1/1 , Vladimir Shopov, Hristo Panchugov, Ass. Prof. Kiril Avramov, Ph.D, Ass. prof. Lyubomir Stefanov, Ph.D., 30 academic hours, 3 credits.
POLS422 The Art of negotiations, 1/1 , Lydia Shuleva, 30 academic hours, 3 credits
NON AUDITORIA CLASSES (CREDIT COURSES)

POLS433 Internship , Ass. prof. Lyubomir Stefanov, Ph.D., 12 creditis
EIGHTH SEMESTER
LECTURE COURSES (CREDIT COURSES)
POLS 208 Migration Policy, 1/1 , Assoc. Prof. Anna Krasteva, Ph.D. and Ass. Prof. Evelina Staikova, Ph.D., 30 academic hours, 3 creditis.
POLS308 Political Communication, 1/1 , Denitsa Sacheva, 30 academic hours, 3 creditis.
POLS317 EU Development Policies, 1/1 , Assoc. Prof. Todor Kolarov, Ph.D., 30 academic hours, 3 creditis.
POLS453 Sustainable Development Policies, 1/1 , Yordan Stoichkov, Ph.D., 30 academic hours, 3 creditis.
POLS319 Globalization and Contemporary Political Ideologies, 1/1 , Assoc. Prof. Antonii Tododrov, Ph.D., 30 academic hours, 3 credits.
POLS438 Politics and Identity, 1/1 , Prof. Evgnii Dainov Ph.D., Hristo Panchugov, 30 academic hours, 3 creditis
NON AUDITORIA CLASSES (CREDIT COURSES)
POLS434 Internship , Ass. Prof. Kiril Avramov, Ph.D., 18 creditis