

Faculty of Economics & Political Science

Introduction to Political Science 2

Information :

Course Code : PSC 102

Level : Undergraduate

Course Hours : 3.00- Hours

Department : Faculty of Economics & Political Science

Area Of Study :

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Course Goals:

- Address the basic questions of politics, on the national, regional and international levels.
- Enable the students to understand the basics of various sub-fields in political science.

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Course outcomes :

a. Knowledge and Understanding: :

1 -	Define historical traits and frameworks related to contemporary political affairs, such as; a state reconstruction, and state-society relationships.
2 -	Recognize current political affairs on the national, regional and international levels, such as countries in transitions, revolutions and resistance, as well as changes in regional alliances.
3 -	Identify the importance and frameworks of issues or concepts of citizenship, state, democracy, social movements, justice and freedom as well as civic engagement and constitutions processes.

b. Intellectual Skills: :

1 -	Employ a critical way of thinking.
2 -	Deepen the knowledge of domestic and international politics, and international institutions and factors.
3 -	Emphasize on understanding the challenges faced by the political community in Egypt, and abroad.

c. Professional and Practical Skills: :

1 -	Relate and connect between historical events and political theories with contemporary political issues, on the regional and international levels.
2 -	Employ the gained knowledge in the analysis of a variety of case studies.

d. General and Transferable Skills: :

1 -	Construct logical arguments about the general domestic and regional affairs.
2 -	Evaluate social media and other new sources.

Course Topic And Contents :

Topic	No. of hours	Lecture	Tutorial / Practical
Introductory Lecture and Course Outline	5	1	1
Political theory, thought and philosophy (part 1)	5	1	1
Political theory, thought and philosophy (part 2)	5	1	1
Public Opinion	10	2	2
Political Culture and Political Communication	5	1	1
Midterm Exam		1	
International Relations	10	2	2
International Organizations (part 1)	5	1	1
International Organizations (part 2)	5	1	1
Foreign Policy	10	2	2
National Security	5	1	1
Final Exam		1	

Teaching And Learning Methodologies :

Demonstration videos
Presentation
Simulations
Debates
Group discussion
Research Paper

Course Assessment :

Methods of assessment	Relative weight %	Week No	Assess What
Course Work (Attendance, Participation, Assignments, Quizzes, Research Paper...)	30.00		To assess understanding and to assess theoretical background of the intellectual and practical skills.
Final Exam	40.00	15	To assess knowledge and intellectual skills.
Midterm Exam	30.00	7	To assess professional skills.

Periodicals :

Resat Bayer, "Peaceful transitions and democracy", Journal of Peace Research, Vol. 47 No. 5, 2010, (535-546).