

Faculty of Economics & Political Science

Minorities and Politics

Information :

Course Code : PSC 208

Level : Undergraduate

Course Hours : 3.00- Hours

Department : Department of Political Science

Area Of Study :

This course presents the origin and development of policies applied to cultural, religious and ethnic communities such as immigration policies, integration process, labor, education and social services. It focuses on the relationship between governments and analyzes how states handle minorities and whether it is a local/national issue or an international one. It also explores mechanisms that make the system integrative and where it agitates, through discriminatory policies, its minorities. It advocates policies of integration and empowerment vis-à-vis policies of exclusion and marginalization.

Course Goals:

- Describe basic concepts related to minorities (race, ethnicity, culture).
- Analyze and criticize government policies which affect minorities.

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Course outcomes :

a.Knowledge and Understanding: :

- 1 - Identify the mechanisms through which the state becomes integrative of its minorities.
- 2 - Recognize the relation between education and minorities.

b.Intellectual Skills: :

- 1 - Analyze political development within migration.
- 2 - Compare minority rights in different political contexts.
- 3 - Analyze the impact of minorities on public policies.

c.Professional and Practical Skills: :

- 1 - Apply knowledge in debates concerning minorities.
- 2 - Develop and implement a research paper that applies the class content in a proper academic manner.

d.General and Transferable Skills: :

- 1 - Develop self-learning skills.
- 2 - Select and use credible sources of information.

Course Topic And Contents :

Topic	No. of hours	Lecture	Tutorial / Practical
Introduction: Definitions and Typology of Minorities	3	1	
Political Approach of Minorities	3	1	
History of Political Migration	3	1	
Change in the Immigration Composition	3	1	
Refugees	3	1	
Education and Minorities	3	1	
Social Affairs, Health and Minorities	3	1	
Midterm Exam		1	
Minorities Rights	3	1	
Identity and Citizenship	3	1	
Multiculturalism in Action	3	1	
Political Life, Political Institutions and Minorities	3	1	
Impact of Minorities on Public Policy	3	1	
Impact of International Order on Minorities	3	1	
Final Exam		1	

Teaching And Learning Methodologies :

Demonstration videos
Presentation
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 (s)	30.00	8	To assess professional skills.

Periodicals :

Harold Orlans, The Politics of Minority Statistics, Society, 26, 4, 1989 (24-25).

Samuel I Rosenberg, Reapportionment and Minority Politics, Columbia Human Rights Law Review, 6, 1, 1974 (107).

