SYLLABUS

1. Course title:

Political psychology

2. Code:

3. Cycle of study:

1

4. ECTS credits:

2

5. Type of course:

○ Mandatory ◉ Elective

6. Prerequisites:

none

7. Class restrictions:

none

8. Duration / semester:

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9. Weekly contact hours:

9.1. Lectures:	2
9.2. Seminars:	0
9.3. Laboratory/Practice classes:	0

10. Faculty:

Humanities and Social Sciences

11. Department/study program:

Pedagogy-Psychology/PSYCHOLOGY

12. Lecturer:

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14. Web site:

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15. Course aims:

- The purpose of the course is to introduce students to the historical and contemporary perspectives of political psychology,
- Indicate the importance of personality in political behavior,
- Emphasize the role of social cognition and social influence on political behavior

16. Learning outcomes:

- Understand and describe principles and concepts related to political cognition such as information processing, decision-making, and perceptions,
- Application of theory and analysis of political phenomena to political behavior from a psychological perspective,
- Critical evaluation of scientific methods and research in the field of political psychology,
- Understanding and comparing political ideologies in Europe

17. Course content:

- Introduction to political psychology
- Personality and politics
- Cognition, social identity, emotions, and attitudes
- Group political psychology
- Leader traits, motivation, and individual differences
- Successful leader analysis
- Voting process, the role of media, and tolerance
- Formation of political attitudes
- Political propaganda
- Psychology of national and ethnic relations
- Political psychology of nationalism, political extremists, and ethnic conflicts
- Psychology of racism and political intolerance
- Psychology of terrorism

18. Learning methods:

Lectures and practical classes with the use of various multimedia teaching aids, including active participation of students.
In lectures and practical classes will be used: the method of oral presentation, method of demonstration and illustration, seminar discussions, interactive teaching methods.

19. Assessment methods:

a) Written Exam
b) Oral Exam

The written exam includes written knowledge assessment (objective and essay tests). Assessment will be realized through questions and answers regarding the course content. It will be done after the realization of planned lectures. Minimum number of points for passing the written exam is 24 (more than 60%).
Oral exam is meant for students with minimum number of points in the written exam (24).
Written exam
Written exam follows after the end of the course. Students will be presented a combination of essay and objective questions. Students who pass the written exam (achieve 24 to 40 points), gain conditions to take the oral exam. Students can earn a maximum of 40 points in the written exam. Minimum number of points required to pass the exam is 24.

Oral exam
Oral exam will include questions and students' answers regarding the course content and it will last for 15 to 30 minutes. Maximum number of points that can be earned in the oral exam is 10. Minimum number of points required to pass the exam is 6.

Pre-exam points amount to a total of 50 points (20 points for attendance and active in-class participation, 20 point s for the individual project and 10 points for the group project). By fulfilling all of their requirements, students can thus earn a maximum of 100 points.
The points count towards the final grade cumulatively if students score at least 60% points on the final exam (written and oral exam).
In order for students to earn the minimum passing grade, they need to score at least 54 cumulative points, of which at least 24 on the final exam. The final grade is formed as a sum of all points earned in-class and the final exam.

Exchange of any belongings between students is not allowed during the written exam. Students caught cheating or talking to others will be removed from the exam.

20. Assessment components:

Attendance in lectures and practical classes: 5 points
Active participation in lectures and practical classes: 15 points
Individual project: 10 points
Group project: 20 points
Final written exam: 40 points
Final oral exam: 10 points
Total points: 100
The following is the grading scale, showing the points, numerical grade, descriptive grade and letter grade:
0-53 5 (five) fail F
54-63 6 (six) satisfactory E
64-73 7 (seven) good D
74-83 8 (eight very good C
84-93 9 (nine) excellent B
94-100 10 (ten) outstanding A

21. Required reading list:

- Cottam, M. L., Mastors, E., Preston, T., & Dietz, B. (2022). Introduction to Political Psychology (4th ed.). Routledge.
- Jost, J. T., & Sidanius, J. (2004). Political Psychology: Key Readings (Key Readings in Social Psychology). Psychology Press.
- Houghton, D. P. (2014). Political Psychology: Situations, Individuals, and Cases (2nd ed.). Routledge.
- Staub, E. (1992). The Roots of Evil: The Origins of Genocide and Other Group Violence (Revised ed.). Cambridge University Press.
- Funk, J., Good, N., & Berry, M. E. (2020). Healing and Peacebuilding after War: Transforming Trauma in Bosnia and Herzegovina (Routledge Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution). Routledge.
- Skjelsbæk, I. (2013). The Political Psychology of War Rape: Studies from Bosnia and Herzegovina (War, Politics and Experience) (1st ed.). Routledge.
- Šiber, I. (1998). Osnove političke psihologije. Politička kultura nakladno-istraživački zavod.

22. Web sources:

23. Applicable starting from the academic year:

2022/2023

24. Adopted in the Faculty/Academy session: