



Course specification

Course name: Principles of political science Course Code: GEN105	Program: Academic level: First level Semester:
Specialization: General	Number of studying units: Theoretical: (3) Practical: (-)

Intended Learning Outcomes of Course (ILOs):

a) Information and concepts:

- a/1 Learns about the political science and its relationship with other sciences, and the evolution of the contributions of political thinkers.
- a/2 Recognizes the role of the state in terms of its concept, pillars and functions.
- a/3 Mentions the types of political systems.
- a/4 Recognizes the official state institutions and their roles.
- a/5 Discusses the informal institutions like parties, pressure groups and civil society.
- a/6 Mentions the relationship between politics and mass media.
- a/7 Discusses the core concepts in international relations.

b) Intellectual skills:

- b/1 Analyzes some ideas of political thinkers and links them to reality.
- b/2 Analyzes the state pillars and its main functions.
- b/3 Explains the roles of official institutions in countries.
- b/4 Analyzes the types of electoral systems and their applications in some countries.
- b/5 Analyzes the roles of parties, pressure groups and public opinion.
- b/6 Explains the forms and content of the relationship between the media and politics.
- b/7 Explains the balance between authorities.
- b/8 Analyzes the events of international relations.

c) Professional and practical skills:

- c/1 Uses the initial knowledge he obtained to train in the areas of political decision-making and institutions concerned with the study of political sciences such as research centers and others.
- c/2 Gradually being qualified for the labor market by developing his ability to employ the role of the media in political life.

d) General skills:

- d/1 Uses the internet and data base to collect information.
- d/2 Deal with libraries in their traditional way to obtain the required information.
- d/3 Develops his ability to translate and present effectively.

Course Content:

1- Introductory lecture: Introducing the course, its objectives and most important topics. 2- Trends in defining political science and its relationship with other sciences 3- Political thought: simplified models of political thinkers of different eras 4- Introducing the state, its pillars and origins 5- The state functions 6- Types of countries 7- Mid-term exam 8- Formal institutions in the political system: the executive and the judiciary 9- Legislative power and types of electoral systems 10- Informal Institutions in the Political System: Political Parties 11- Lobbyists and civil society 12- The relationship between media and politics 13- public opinion 14- International Relations and Foreign Policy 15-Final Exam

Teaching and learning methods:

-Lecture -Discussion

Student assessment methods:

-Written midterm exam -Assignments to assess the student's ability to search and analyze -Discussion within the lecture -Written final exam