



Syllabus of the discipline
«EUROPEAN POLITICS AND SOCIETY»

Specialty: 029 Information, Library and Archival Science. Field of knowledge: 02 Culture and Art

Level of higher education	Bachelor, Master
Discipline status	Elective discipline
Year of study	1-5
Semester	1-2
ECTS credits / total hours	4 credits/120 hours
Language of instruction	English
What will be studied (subject of study)	The course examines the domestic and foreign policies of European countries, various processes in society and common challenges such as immigration, nationalism, economic inequality, minority issues, problems with the development of democracy and more.
Why study it? (Goal)	The course is intended both to increase students' knowledge about the internal and external policies of European countries and to improve their analytical and critical thinking skills.
What can you learn (learning outcomes)	<p>By the conclusion of the course the students should know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Political systems of European countries - Regional and economic problems of the EU - The ideological spectrum of European political parties - Immigration problems as well as social and ethnic tensions in

	<p>European society</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strategies that are being implemented to deal with minority issues (gender, sexual, ethnic, etc) - The impact of raising nationalism on the domestic policies of European countries - European media industry and its major principles and challenges - Weaknesses and strengths of European education systems - Welfare issues and environmental problems in the EU - The EU security policies - Main directions of the EU foreign policy
<p>How can I use the acquired knowledge (Competency)</p>	<p>The knowledge acquired in the course may have a practical meaning for those who plan to travel or work in Europe. Understanding the political principles and problems of European society can be essential for making an international career in business or political spheres.</p>

<p>Educational logistics</p>	<p>Discipline content: Europe’s political geography. Governments and parliaments. Parties and ideologies. Elections, voting and referendums – systems, turnout, preferences and unpredictability. The media. The connection between media systems and political systems. The political power of online social networks. Participation and pressure politics – civil society, organized interests and social movements. Politics over markets – enduring differences between Left and Right. Social and environmental policies. Problems of the welfare state. Economic and social divisions. Migrants and ethnic minorities, multiculturalism. Nationalism, populism, racism, extremism. Terrorism. Feminism and gender issues. Sexual minorities and human rights issues. Challenges facing European education systems. Globalization and disintegration: Brexit. Europe’s international politics.</p> <p>Types of classes: lectures, seminars</p> <p>Teaching methods: verbal, visual, practical</p> <p>Forms of study: full-time, distance</p>
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Prerequisites	General knowledge of world history acquired in secondary school.
Information Support (from the books available in pdf)	<p>Simon Six. The Political System of the European Union 2022. (pdf)</p> <p>John Gillingham. Design for a New Europe (pdf)</p> <p>Tim Bale. European Politics: A Comparative Introduction. Textbook. 2017. (pdf)</p> <p>John Pinder. The European Union. A Short Introduction (pdf)</p> <p>Tony Judt. Postwar: A History of Europe Since 1945. 2010. (pdf)</p> <p>Marco Baldasari. Anti-Europeanism. Critical Perspectives Towards the European Union. 2020. (pdf)</p> <p>Andrew Heywood. Global Politics. 2014. (pdf)</p> <p>Manfred Steger. Globalization. A Very Short Introduction. 2023. (pdf)</p> <p>John Pinder. The European Union. A Very Short Introduction. 2013 (pdf)</p> <p>Andrew Haywood. Political Ideologies. 2021. (pdf)</p> <p>Lars Oxelheim. The European Union in a Changing World Order. 2020. (pdf)</p> <p>Kevin Bloor. Understanding Global Politics. 2022. (pdf)</p> <p>Douglas Murray. The Strange Death of Europe: Immigration, Identity, Islam. 2018. (pdf)</p> <p>Tim Marshall. The Age of Walls. How Barriers Between Nations Are Changing Our World. 2020. (pdf)</p> <p>Douglas Murray. The Madness of Crowds: Gender, Race, Identity in Europe. 2019. (pdf)</p>
Location and logistics	Theoretical training audience, projector
Semester control, examination technique	Test
Department	Department of Ukrainian language, history and information activities
Faculty	Faculty of Linguistics and Social Communications

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**Originality of the
academic discipline**

Author's course; English is the language of instruction

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