# **Information sheet for the course Elections and Electoral Systems**

University: Alexander Dubček University of Trenčín

**Faculty:** Department of Political Science

Course unit code: *PLTP17* Course unit title: *Elections and Electoral* 

Systems

**Type of course unit:** compulsory

Planned types, learning activities and teaching methods:

Seminar: 2 hours weekly/26 hours per semester of study; face to face

Number of credits: 3

**Recommended semester:** the  $4^{th}$  semester in the  $2^{nd}$  year (full-time)

the  $6^{th}$  semester in the  $3^{rd}$  year (part-time)

**Degree of study:** *I.* (Bachelor's)

**Course prerequisites:** none

**Assessment methods:** 

Writing a paper

## Learning outcomes of the course unit:

Student can **distinguish** and **compare** between individual electoral mechanisms in the Western liberal democracies. He can **evaluate** advantages and flaws in individual systems. He can **generalize** about development of parliamentarism since the first half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

#### **Course contents:**

- 1. Development of Parliamentarism and Electoral Systems.
- 2. Formation of Electoral System of Great Britain.
- 3. Relationship between Election and Branches of Power.
- 4. Electoral Systems in Great Britain.
- 5. Formation of Political System of the USA.
- 6. Congress. Relationship between Legislature and other Branches.
- 7. Electoral systems in the USA.
- 8. Formation of Political System in Germany.
- 9. German Parliamentarism. Relationship between Legislature and other Branches.
- 10. Electoral systems in Germany.
- 11. Formation of Political System in France.
- 12. French Parliamentarism. Relationship between Legislature and other Branches.
- 13. . Electoral systems in France.

# **Recommended of required reading:**

ALMOND, G. A. a kol.: Comparative Politics Today. A World View. New York: Pearson Publishing, 2004.

DVOŘÁKOVÁ, V a kol.: Základní modely demokratických systémů. Praha: Oeconomica, 2008.

TÓTH, R.: Chuť moci vo svete. Bratislav: Smaragd, 2007.

WILSON, J.Q.: Jak se vládne v USA. Praha: Victoria Publishing, 1995.

Language: Slovak, English

**Remarks:** The subject is compulsory for all the students. Seminar group consists of 20-25 students.

### **Evaluation history:**

New course in the programme

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**Lecturers:** doc. PhDr. PaedDr. Karol Janas, PhD. - Lectures.

Mgr. Pavol Struhár - Seminars.

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