# Information sheet for the course History of Political Science Thought I

University: Alexander Dubček University of Trenčín

Faculty: Department of Political Science

Course unit code: PLTP3 Course unit title: History of Political Science

Thought I

**Type of course unit:** compulsory

# Planned types, learning activities and teaching methods:

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

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

Number of credits: 5

**Recommended semester:** the 1<sup>st</sup> semester in the 1<sup>st</sup> year (full-time)

the  $1^{st}$  semester in the  $1^{st}$  year (part-time)

Degree of study: I. (bachelor)

Course prerequisites: none

## **Assessment methods:**

Students have to pass a test and then oral exam to receive credits. Continuous assessment (e.g. seminar work, discussion...): 40%. Final assessment: 60 %.

#### Learning outcomes of the course unit:

Students focus on the most important political theories, concepts and utopias in their historical order. The aim is to get a picture on the development of state-political, social-political and legal-political thoughts especially in the European continent.

#### **Course contents:**

- 1. Birth of state and politics. Two basic types of state as historical starting points: Oriental tyranny and Ancient polis.
- 2. India and China.
- 3. Historical and social starting points of formation of social and political ideas in Ancient Greece.
- 4. Social and political order of Greek city-states and their theoretical explanation.
- 5. Sophistry as the teachings on civil virtues; Socrates.
- 6. Platon's utopian ideas on state and politics.
- 7. Aristoteles and his teachings on state, politics and constitutions.
- 8. Political thoughts during the Hellenistic period. Historical starting points of ideas on state and politics in Ancient Rome.
- 9. Political and legal concepts in the Middle Ages.
- 10. Utopians in the period of Renaissance: Thomas More, Tomas Campanellla
- 11. Renaissance in political-legal thoughts: Nicollo Macchiavelli, Jean Bodin.
- 12. Protestants reformation and Catholic anti-reformation movement.
- 13. Summary.

## **Recommended or required reading:**

KRSKOVÁ, A.: Náčrt dejín európskeho politického a právneho myslenia (Od antiky do konca 19. storočia). 1992.

PLATON: Ústava. Bratislava: Pravda, 1980.

ARISTOTELES: Politika. Bratislava: Pravda, 1988.

HRUŠOVSKÝ, I.: Antológia z diel filozofov: Od Aristotela po Plotina. 1973.

HRUŠOVSK, I.: Antológia z diel filozofov : Patristika a scholastika. 1975.

HRUŠOVSKÝ, I.: Antológia z diel filozofov: Predsokratovci a Platón. 1998.

SUCHÝ M. – JAKSICSOVÁ, V.: Malá antológia z diel filozofov I. 1991.

ANZENBACHER A.: Úvod do filozofie. 2004.

RAEPER W. - SMITH L.: Myslenie západnej civilizácie. 1998.

BIČ, M.: V zemi sfing a pyramid (Od faraónů k prorokovi). 1993.

CICERO – TULLIUS, M.: O povinnostech. Svoboda, 1970.

MARCUS AURELIUS ANTONINUS: Hovory k sobě. Svoboda,, 1969.

CONDORCET: Náčrt historického obrazu pokroků lidského ducha. 1968.

LUTHER, M.: O světské vrchnosti. Heršepice: EMAN, 1993.

MONTESQUIER - DE SECONDA, CH.: Duch zákonov. 1989.

Language: Slovak

**Remarks:** The course is compulsory. Seminar group consists of 20 – 25 students.

**Evaluation history:** 

| ı | Evaluation instory. |       |       |       |     |      |
|---|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|-----|------|
|   | A                   | В     | С     | D     | Е   | FX   |
|   | 28,72               | 26,35 | 23,99 | 13,85 | 5,1 | 2,03 |

#### **Lecturers:**

doc. PhDr. Oľga Bočáková, PhD. PaedDr. Alena Tomášiková Mgr. Stanislava Garajová

Last modification: January 31, 2014

**Supervisor:** 

doc. PhDr. PaedDr. Karol Janas, PhD., guarantor of Political Science study program.