

## Information sheet for the course Introduction to European Politics

<b>University:</b> <i>Alexander Dubček University of Trenčín</i>	
<b>Faculty:</b> <i>Department of Political Science</i>	
<b>Course unit code:</b> <i>PLTP12</i>	<b>Course unit title:</b> <i>Introduction to European Politics</i>
<b>Type of course unit:</b> <i>compulsorily</i>	
<b>Planned types, learning activities and teaching methods:</b> <i>Lecture: 2 hours weekly/26 hours per semester of study; face to face</i> <i>Seminar: 2 hours weekly/26 hours per semester of study; face to face</i>	
<b>Number of credits:</b> <i>5</i>	
<b>Recommended semester:</b> <i>: the 3<sup>rd</sup> semester in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year (full-time)</i> <i>the 3<sup>rd</sup> semester in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year (part-time)</i>	
<b>Degree of study:</b> <i>I. (Bachelor's)</i>	
<b>Course prerequisites:</b> <i>none</i>	
<b>Assessment methods:</b> <i>Written and presented paper. Final written exam.</i>	
<b>Learning outcomes of the course unit:</b> <i>Student has basic knowledge of European politics, its historical evolution and basic values, its key state actors creating European politics, about European Communities and European Union. Student is able to analyze and evaluate different tendencies of development and relevant events on the European continent and predict possible consequences for nation states.</i>	
<b>Course contents:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Introduction to European Politics.</i></li> <li>2. <i>Beginnings of European Politics.</i></li> <li>3. <i>Basic Stages of European Political Evolution.</i></li> <li>4. <i>Religious Wars in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century, Peace of Westphalia and Europe After Thirty Year War.</i></li> <li>5. <i>Mercantilism (Europe in 17<sup>th</sup> Century).</i></li> <li>6. <i>European System in the years 1713/14 to 1739.</i></li> <li>7. <i>System of European balance of power.</i></li> <li>8. <i>French Revolution and Europe in Post-Napoleon Era.</i></li> <li>9. <i>Congress of Vienna (1814 – 1815), Concert of Europe.</i></li> <li>10. <i>European Politics in the Interwar Period (1919 – 1939/45).</i></li> <li>11. <i>Formation and Realization of European Politics according to two Superpowers (1945 – 1948 – 1989).</i></li> <li>12. <i>Initiatives and Proclamations to the Unification of the European Continent.</i></li> <li>13. <i>Creation of the European Union, Categorization and Creation of its Policies.</i></li> </ol>	
<b>Recommended of required reading:</b> <i>HRIVÍK, P.: Strategické štúdie Európskej únie I. Banská Bystrica : Právnická fakulta UMB, 2005.</i> <i>HRIVÍK, P.: Strategické štúdie Európskej únie II. Banská Bystrica : Právnická fakulta UMB. 2005.</i> <i>HRIVÍK, P.: Spoločný a vnútorný trh Európskej únie. Banská Bystrica : Právnická fakulta UMB, 2006.</i> <i>Charta základných práv EÚ. 2007.</i> <i>Lisabonská zmluva, 2007.</i> <i>MAZÚREK, J.: Európske štúdie. Martin : WIST, s. r. o., 2002.</i> <i>SKŘIVAN, A.: Evropská politika 1648 – 1914. Praha : Nakl. A. Skřivan ml., 1999.</i> <i>SMEKAL, H.: Lidská práva v Evropské unii. Brno : MPÚ Masarykova univerzita, 2009.</i>	
<b>Language:</b> <i>Slovak, English</i>	

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

**Evaluation history:**

Total number of evaluated students: 50

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12	14	24	30	14	6

**Lecturers:** *doc. Ing. Pavol Hrivík, CSc.*

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