

**Information sheet for the course  
Current Issues of 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>PLTV10</i>	<b>Course unit title:</b> <i>Current Issues of European Politics</i>
<b>Type of course unit:</b> <i>optional</i>	
<b>Planned types, learning activities and teaching methods:</b> <i>Lecture: none</i> <i>Seminar: 2 hours weekly/26 hours per semester of study; face to face</i>	
<b>Number of credits:</b> <i>2</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>II. (Master's)</i>	
<b>Course prerequisites:</b> <i>none</i>	
<b>Assessment methods:</b> <i>High-grade elaboration and handing over the assigned seminar paper and its presentation. Credits can be granted only after satisfying the both conditions.</i>	
<b>Learning outcomes of the course unit:</b> <i>By completing the course a student gained actual knowledge on political situation and events which occurred in the European Continent mainly in the European Union, and also on opinions and replying to significant international issues. A student obtained experience with analysis of chosen political moments binding to the European Continent and to the acting of Continental players. On the basis of obtained knowledge a student is able, on an adequate political level, to know to <b>judge</b> some key political affairs and issues in the European Continent, the decisive actors with an emphasis on the EU, Russia and main the Union's players.</i>	
<b>Course contents:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>1. Introduction to the course</i></li><li><i>2. European Integration versus world's globalization</i></li><li><i>3. Consequences of the global financial crisis in Europe (emphasis on the Eurozone)</i></li><li><i>4. General issues of European security</i></li><li><i>5. Foreign politics, security and defense of the EU</i></li><li><i>6. The EU as a key player on the international scene</i></li><li><i>7. Russia</i></li><li><i>8. Post-soviet space (Ukraine and so on)</i></li><li><i>9. Central Europe</i></li><li><i>10. Nationalisms in the EU</i></li><li><i>11. The Balkans in European politics.</i></li><li><i>12. The EU and the Caucasian region</i></li><li><i>13. Other emergent actual themes of European politics.</i></li></ol>	
<b>Recommended of required reading:</b> <i>COLIN, H. – MENON, A.: European Politics. Oxford : Oxford University Press, 2007.</i> <i>DANČÁK, B. – FIALA, P.: Nacionalistické politické strany v Evropě. Brno : MPÚ MU, 1999.</i> <i>DANČÁK, B. – FIALA, P. – HLOUŠEK, V. (eds.): Evropeizace. Nové téma politologického výskumu. Brno : MPÚ MU, 2005.</i> <i>GERBET, P.: Budování Evropy (preklad z francúzštiny). Praha : Nakladatel'stvo Karolinum</i>	

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CHOMSKY, N.: *Moc a teror. (preklad z angličtiny) Praha : MEZERA, s. r. o., 2007.*

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SHULTZ, R. H., JR. – GODSON, R. – QUESTER, G. H. (eds.): *Security Studies for the 21st Century.*

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TEREM, P.: *Jadrové zbrane, ich význam a vplyv na svetovú politiku. Ban. Bystrica : FPVaMV UMB, 2008.*

TIERSKY, R. (ed.): *Europe Today: National Politics, European Integration, and European Security (2nd Edition). Hardcover : Rowman&Littlefield Publishers, Inc., 2004.*

*Vybrané odborné medzinárodné časopisy: West European Politics, European Affairs, Comparative European Politics, Mezinárodní vztahy, Journal of Comparative Politics a pod. webové stránky vybraných európskych medz. organizácií (EÚ, Rada Európy, OBSE a pod.) webové stránky MZV: Ruska, Nemecka, Veľkej Británie, Francúzska, Talianska a Španielska*

**Language:** *English, Slovak*

**Remarks:** *The course is provided only in the case it is chosen by at least 16 students.*

**Evaluation history:**

A	B	C	D	E	FX
0	0	0	0	0	0

**Lecturers:** *Ass. Prof. Dipl. Eng. Pavol Hrivík, PhD.*

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