

Course Code	Introduction to Political Science UNYP 78111
Level	Lower-level course in a Bachelor's degree program
Credits	3 semester credits / 6 ECTS
Pre-requisite(s)	None

Scheduled meetings	45 hours
Average preparation time	105 hours
Total student work time	150 hours

Description A general introduction to political science, including basic concepts such as power, authority, legitimacy and participation; types of political systems and the present developments in democratic politics.

Learning outcomes Upon successfully completing this course, the student will be able to:

- understand basic concepts that are related with state activity and be able to distinguish them;
- be familiar with the idea of democratic state and be able to distinguish this type of regime from non-democratic forms of government;
- understand the basic structures that make up a democratic state, being aware of the different institutional configurations;
- be familiar with the meaning of participation in democratic politics and of democratic citizenship and current developments in that area;
- develop a critical attitude towards concepts such as politics, power and the role of citizens, and the implication of the different institutional variations;
- understand in an ethical way the idea of democratic politics and all the concepts that are related with it.

Study literature Understanding Democratic Politics; an Introduction. Roland Axtman (ed.). Sage Publications. Year: 2003

Understanding Democratic Politics; an Introduction (third edition). Andrew Heywood. Palgrave Macmillan. Year: 2007.

Additional readings available on UNYP E-Learn or in the UNYP Library.

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