

DISCIPLINE CHART

NAME OF DISCIPLINE				Research Methods in Political Science				CODE: FP8	
CICLE OF STUDIES DE STUDII (L-BA/M-MA/D-Ph.D.) AND YEAR OF STUDIES 1, 2, 3, 4				BA 1	Semester	1	THE STATUS OF DISCIPLINE (OB -compulsory/ OP -optional/ F -facultative)		OB
NUMBER OF HOURS PER WEEK				TOTAL HOURS SEMESTER	TOTAL HOURS SEMESTER *	NUMBER S OF CREDITS	TYPE OF EVALUATION (P -along the way, C -colloquium, E -exam, M -mixed)		TEACHING LANGUAGE
C	S	L	Pr.	56	94	6	E		Romanian
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HOLDER OF THE ACTIVITIES OF COURSE	DIDACTIC AND SCIENTIFIC DEGREE, FIRST NAME, SURNAME		DEPARTMENT
	PROFESSOR VIRGIL STOICA PH.D.		Political Science, International Relations and European Studies

HOLDER OF THE ACTIVITIES OF SEMINAR / PRACTIC WORK	DIDACTIC AND SCIENTIFIC DEGREE, FIRST NAME, SURNAME		DEPARTMENT
	LECTURER SILVIU GRECU PH.D.		Political Science, International Relations and European Studies

PREVIOUSLY COMPLETED DISCIPLINES	Introduction in Political Science
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OBJECTIVES*	1. To create habits about thinking systematically on political facts; 2. Handling the main strategies for investigating politics, techniques for gathering information and analysis; 3. Practical application of the acquired knowledge through development of an original analysis.
SPECIFIC COMPETENCES GAINED	
PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCES **	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To demonstrate the ability in using appropriate Research Methods concepts; • To demonstrate the capacity for analysis and interpretation of political events; • To acquire skills of reasoning, analysis, and assessment of political events; • To demonstrate skills in identification, construction, and evaluation of the research strategy needed in a particular context; • To develop skills for correct use research tools; • To demonstrate practical application of the knowledge acquired through the development of an original analysis.
TRANSVERSAL COMPETENCES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To demonstrate concern for professional development by engaging critical thinking; • To demonstrate involvement in scientific activities, such as writing articles and studies; • To engage in personal and professional development, as a result of continuous training, and to use efficiently resources and learning techniques
CONTENT OF COURSE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. POLITICS AND ANALYSIS 2. ETHICS OF POLITICS ANALYSIS 3. DEVELOPING RESEARCH QUESTIONS 4. TYPES OF RELATIONSHIPS: ASSOCIATION AND CAUSALITY 5. EXPLORING CAUSAL RELATIONSHIPS AND DEVELOPING MODELS 6. ALTERNATIVE RESEARCH DESIGNS: EXPERIMENT 7. ALTERNATIVE RESEARCH DESIGNS: SURVEY 8. ALTERNATIVE RESEARCH DESIGNS: CASE STUDY 9. ALTERNATIVE RESEARCH DESIGNS: EVALUATION 10. CONCEPTS AND VARIABLES MEASUREMENT 11. DATA COLLECTION: SURVEYS AND QUESTIONNAIRES 12. DATA COLLECTION: QUALITATIVE AND FIELD RESEARCH

	13. DATA COLLECTION: USE OF SECONDARY SOURCES 14. DEVELOPING AND WRITING A RESEARCH PAPER
BIBLIOGRAPHY (SELECTIVE)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ronald F. King – <i>Strategia cercetării. Treisprezece cursuri despre elementele științelor sociale, Polirom, Iasi, 2005</i> 2. Sorin Dan Șandor – <i>Metode de cercetare în științele sociale, Tritonic, București, 2013</i> 3. Robert K. Yin – <i>Designul, colectarea și analiza datelor, Polirom, Iasi, 2005</i> 4. Traian Rotariu, Petre Iluț – <i>Ancheta sociologică și sondajul de opinie, Polirom, Iași, 1997;</i> 5. Gary King, Robert Keohane, Sidney Verba – <i>Fundamentele cercetării sociale, Polirom, Iași, 2000;</i> 6. Francois de Singly, Alain Blanchet, Anne Gotman, Jean-Claude Kaufman – <i>Ancheta și metodele ei, Polirom, Iași, 1998;</i> 7. Virgil Stoica – <i>Metodologia analizei politice, Fides, Iași, 2000;</i> 8. Janet Buttoph Johnson , H. T. Reynolds – <i>Political Science Research Methods, CQ Press, Washington, D.C., 2005</i>
CONTENT OF THE WORKS OF SEMINAR / LABORATORY	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Characteristics of the data used in political discourse 2. Theory and hypothesis testing 3. Relationships and associations between variables 4. Causal and explanatory relations 5. Relationships and multiple influences. Development of tables showing multiple relationships 6. Correlational analysis 7. Switching from variable to concepts. Validity and reliability of definitions 8. Questionnaires 1 9. Questionnaires 2 10. Analysis of qualitative data. Content analysis 11. Indexes 12. Developing and writing a scientific paper 13. Presentation of a political analysis
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METHODOLOGICAL LANDMARKS ***	Lectures, problem solving, case study. Students have access to a course support and a volume of seminar exercises

EVALUATION	methods	Final written exam, assessment during the semester (activity, homework, final project)
	forms	Written exam (E), presence and activity during seminars (S); Home works during semester (T); The result of an individual project (P);
	Weight of evaluation forms in the formula of final grade	Final Grade = 10%S + 20%T + 20%P + 50%E
	Minimal standards of performance ****	Understanding and identifying an appropriate research strategy in a particular context, expressing clearly in Romanian, and using an appropriate scientific language; participating on half plus one of the seminars.

Date of filing

Signature of course holder

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Date of approval in department

Signature of director of department