

POLITICAL SCIENCE



Course

The aim of this course is to provide students with basic skills on the concepts, categories and models of Political Science. By the end of the course, students will be able to understand, describe and interpret the basic political phenomena related to politics and political institutions. Furthermore, students will be able to interpret the political debate in democratic countries and relate it to Political Science analytical tools. By the end of the course, the students will be able to: Understand key topics in the study of political science; Communicate with both specialist and non-specialist audience about the basic topics related to politics due to the linguistic and conceptual skills acquired during the course; Assess critically this knowledge with the use of analytical tools employed in the study of politics.

Content

The first section of the course will be focused on the definition of some basic and fundamental categories and concepts: what is political science, politics, political systems and regimes, political participation. In the second section, the course will provide an overview of some key elements for political science, like democracy and non-democratic regimes, elections, parties and party systems, parliaments, etc.