

BACHELOR PROGRAMME
**POLITICAL PARTIES AND INTEREST GROUPS
 IN THE EUROPEAN UNION**
3RD YEAR OF STUDY, 1ST SEMESTER

COURSE TITLE	POLITICAL PARTIES AND INTEREST GROUPS IN THE EUROPEAN UNION
COURSE CODE	
COURSE TYPE	full attendance/tutorial
COURSE LEVEL	3 rd cycle (bachelor degree)
YEAR OF STUDY, SEMESTER	3 rd year of study, 1 st semester
NUMBER OF ECTS CREDITS	
NUMBER OF HOURS PER WEEK	4 (2 lecture hours + 2 seminar hours)
NAME OF LECTURE HOLDER	Elena Simona Vranceanu, Lecturer Phd
NAME OF SEMINAR HOLDER	Elena Simona Vranceanu, Lecturer Phd
PREREQUISITES	Advanced level of English
A	GENERAL AND COURSE-SPECIFIC COMPETENCES
	<p>General competences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Autonomy and responsibility in the discharge of professional duties; • Social interaction within teams working at the seminary; • Personal and professional development as a result of awareness of the need for training and efficient use of resources and learning techniques. <p>Course-specific competences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquisition of basic concepts relating to political parties; • Knowing the particularities of the political parties and of the interest group; • Developing the skills to analyse the functions of pressure groups within a democratic society.
B	LEARNING OUTCOMES
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding the main concepts, paradigms and themes of political parties; • Knowledge of the notions related to the course; • Objective interpretation of some ideas, projects, processes, as well as of the theoretical and practical aspects of this course.
C	LECTURE CONTENT

- Introduction – issues of political parties and pressure groups
- The political party – concept and functions
- The European right and left wing
- Multidimensional typologies of political parties
- Types of parties and party systems
- Party systems and modes of ballot
- Political groups in the European Parliament
- The interest group – conceptual delimitations
- Functions of interest groups within a democratic society
- Intra-societal and extra-societal interest groups
- Means and techniques of the pressing action
- Lobbying at the European Union
- Romanian interest groups
- Effectiveness of the activity of interest groups

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RECOMMENDED READING FOR LECTURES

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- Daniel Stockemer (Editor), *Populism Around the World. A Comparative Perspective*, Springer Nature Switzerland AG, 2019
- Milan Nič, "The Visegrád Group in the EU: 2016 as a turning-point?" in *European View* 15:281–290, 2016
- Bart Bonikowski^a and Paul DiMaggio^b, "Varieties of American Popular Nationalism" in *American Sociological Review* 2016, Vol. 81(5) 949–980

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SEMINAR CONTENT

- The political parties and the evolution of political life – multi-party system
- Political parties: systems and subsystems
- Party systems and modes of ballot
- From the single-party to the multi-party system in Romania
- Evolution of the Romanian post-Decembrist multi-party. The Romanian political class
- Analysis of the current Romanian political configuration - the political programme, the doctrine, the status of the Romanian political parties
- Pluralism and democracy
- European parties and political families
- Power distribution and group dynamics within modern societies
- Interest aggregation and political parties
- The role of NGOs in the configuration of public policies. The citizens – partners in adopting public decisions

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RECOMMENDED READING FOR SEMINARS

- Berindei, Mihnea, Dobrinu, Dorin, Goșu, Armand, *Istoria comunismului din România. Volumul III: Documente. Nicolae Ceaușescu (1972-1975)*, Editura Polirom, Iași, 2017
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- Tismaneanu, Vladimir, *Reinventarea Politicului - Europa Rasariteana de la Stalin la Havel*, Polirom, Iasi, 1997
- Voicu, George, *Pluripartidismul*, Editura All, București, 1998
- Weber, Max, *Politica, o vocație și o profesie*, Anima, București, 1992

G	EDUCATION STYLE	
LEARNING AND TEACHING METHODS	Explanation, Dialogue, Debate, Problematisation, Brainstorming, Case Study Active frequency and implication in the course. Working on seminar papers, covering literature, participation in debates seminar.	
ASSESSMENT METHODS	Team project and personal involvement in the debate	
LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION	English	