



UNIVERSITY OF CRETE

Department of Political Science

School of Social Sciences

Study Guide





About the Department

Founding of the Department:

The Department of Political Science was founded in 1984 but the first undergraduate students were admitted in the academic year 1999–2000.

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Assembly

(consisting of faculty, one member of technical staff and a post-graduate students' representative).

Committees (Internal Assessment Group, Undergraduate Studies Programme, Health and Safety, Webpage, Academic Conduct Code, Undergraduate Practice Opportunities)

Department Structure and Labs

There are two laboratories operating in the Department of Political Science, while two more are under construction. The labs already in operation are the "Centre for Human Rights" and the "Centre for Political Research and Documentation". The labs under construction are the "Laboratory for Social Statistics and Political Research" and the "Laboratory for Public Policy and Administration".

Faculty and Professors Emeriti

The Department of Political Science has awarded honorary doctorates to

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Department Participation in the ERASMUS Programme

Austria

Universität Wien (Subject area: Political Science).

Belgium

Catholic University of Louvain Mons (UCL) (Subject area: Political Science and civics).

France

Université Paris Descartes (Subject area: Teacher training and education science).
Institut d'Études Politiques d'Aix-en-Provence (Subject area: Political Science and Civics).
Institut d'Études Politiques de Grenoble (Subject area: Political sciences).

Germany

University of Augsburg (Subject area: Political Science and Civics).
Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main (Subject area: Political Science and Civics).
Technische Universität Chemnitz (Subject area: Political Science and Civics).
Heinrich Heine Universität Düsseldorf (Subject area: Economics).

Denmark

Danish School of Education, Aarhus University (Subject area: Education).

Estonia

Tallinn University (Subject area: Political Science and civics).

United Kingdom

University of London (Institute of Education) (Subject area: Political Science and Civics).

Italy

Università degli Studi di Teramo (Subject area: Political Science and Civics).
Università degli Studi di Firenze (Subject area: Political Science, Social Science).

Cyprus

University of Cyprus (Subject area: Political Science).

Latvia

Rttema (Riga Teacher Training & Educational Management Academy) (Subject area: Political Science, Psychology).

Hungary

Pannon Egyetem (University of Pannonia) (Subject area: Political science and civics)
Eötvös Loránd Tudományegyetem (Subject area: Political Science and Civics).
National University of Public Service (Subject area: Social and behavioral science).

Poland

Tischner European University (Subject area: Political Science).
Collegium Civitas (Subject area: Political Science and Civics).
Marie Curie-Skłodowska University (Subject area: Political Science and Civics).
Akademia Marynarki Wojennej (Subject area: International Relations, European studies).
Krakowska Akademia im. Andrzeja Fryca Modrzewskiego (Subject area: Social and behavioral Science).

Portugal

Coimbra University (Subject area: Political Science and civics).



Romania

Universitatea 'Alexandru Ioan Cuza' IASI (Subject area: Political Science).
Universitatea Stefan Cel Mare.

Slovenia

Univerza v Ljubljani (Subject area: Teacher training and education science).

Τουρκία

Kocaeli Universitesi (Subject area: Political Science and civics).

Muğla üniversitesi (Subject area: Political Science and Civics).

Kadir Has Universitesi (Subject area: International Relations, Political Science, Area Studies and Political Philosophy).

Czech Republic

Univerzita Jana Evangelisty Purkyně v Ľstvi nad Labem (Subject area: Political Science and Civics, Law).

Metropolitni Univerzita Praha (Subject area: Political Science and Civics).

Admission Process

Within the framework of the Pan-Hellenic Examinations, the Ministry of Education has provided for special admission procedures for specific groups such as foreign nationals, diaspora Greeks, and people suffering from serious illness (see below and <http://www.minedu.gov.gr/eksetaseis-main.html>).

Course credit recognition

For students who have transferred to the Department of Political Science from equivalent Departments in Greece, all courses passed are recognized, provided that they correspond to courses offered by the Department. Other courses count as free-choice electives. Credit recognition is examined in individual cases by the Department's General Assembly.



Department Aims

The Department of Political Science at the University of Crete is a modern department aiming at promoting research and teaching in political science for the detailed examination and the critical management of political issues as well as the dissemination of the necessary skills, techniques and methods. Unlike most relevant departments in Greek universities, which originated in law schools, the Department of Political Science at the University of Crete was established and shaped as a distinct entity from the very beginning. Precisely because it was established without institutional affiliations to other branches or disciplines, it has always included genuine interdisciplinarity among its objectives. This combination allows it to highlight the distinctive features of its academic field in its international manifestations but also to collaborate with other disciplines in promoting research and teaching. The Department of Political Science aspires to equip political scientists with the skills they will need to meet the complex demands of studying and managing political phenomena and modern public policy at a national, supranational and international level. It provides courses and supervision for research in the main fields (political philosophy and political theory, comparative and European policy, public policies, political sociology, international relations) as well as skills that are essential to modern students (English, computers, SPSS, etc.). On this basis, and in combination with the constant scientific and research activity of its members, the Department aspires to make a significant contribution to the development of political science in Greece as well as to upgrading the Greek political system and Greek policy in Greece and the EU.

On certain conditions, it provides its graduates with access to a second study programme (Post-graduate Degree) or a third programme of studies (doctoral studies) at Greek or international universities.

Charter and Syllabus of Undergraduate Studies
Outline of the course of studies.
Main specializations in the course of studies.

Course teaching time

The teaching period of courses offered by the Department of Political Science is 13 weeks. Course times and credits are outlined in the chart below:

Course Status	Teaching Hours / week	Credits (ECTS)
Compulsory	3	5
Elective	3	5
Elective Seminar	3	7
Free choice from another Department	3	3
Foreign Language A (A+B)	3	4
Foreign Language B (C+D)	3	5
Degree Dissertation	Optional (equivalent to 2 Seminar Courses)	14
Practical Training Exercise	Optional (equivalent to 2 Seminar Courses)	10

Studies are completed after 8 academic semesters. Successful completion results in the awarding of a degree in Political Science, for which students are required to attend 48 freestanding semester courses, that is: 44 courses in Political Science and related fields, in accordance with the Syllabus and Course of Studies, and four courses in a foreign language. For students admitted from the academic year 2014-2015 onwards, the following apply:

Of the total number of courses required for the award of a degree from the academic year 2014-2015:

- A) 18 are compulsory courses,
 - B) 4 foreign language courses are also included,
 - C) 2 courses can be chosen, at the student's discretion, from any of the courses offered by University of Crete departments,
 - D) 24 courses are elective, including 8 seminar courses and 16 taught courses
 - E) Completion of a short dissertation is optional. It is equivalent to two seminar courses, which are deducted from the total number of seminar courses required for the awarding of a degree.
- At the beginning of the academic year, the courses offered in the autumn and spring semesters are outlined. At the beginning of each semester, within the prescribed time, students register for courses through the Students Web platform.

Courses taught in foreign languages

In the autumn semester of 2013-14, in the Department of Political Science at the University of Crete an English-taught course is offered: "Contemporary Issues in Governance", taught by Kostas A. Lavdas, Dimitrios Xenakis and Constantine Manasakis.

ECTS Credit Recognition through the Erasmus Programme

The University of Crete has been awarded the Extended Erasmus University Charter, allowing it to participate in the Erasmus programme and to provide its students with the opportunity to complete their studies in another European university and/or to fulfil their practical training requirement in another European country. The Erasmus programme provides University of Crete students with:

- Transfer for study purposes to selected higher education institutions which have a bilateral student exchange agreement with the university.
- Transfer for the purposes of practical training to training centres, research centres, universities, hospital, schools, corporation, and other organizations (with the exception of European institutions, organizations involved in EU programmes, the student's national diplomatic delegation in the host country).

Students transferred through this programme can have the ECTS credits of courses attended recognized by co-operating institutions with the approval of the Erasmus Co-ordinator and the Head of Department. This requires that they enroll in courses equivalent to those in the Department's study programme and for 30 ECTS credits per semester.

Examination periods:

There are three examination periods:

- a) January-February, for Autumn Semester courses (lasting 2-3 weeks).
- b) June, for Spring Semester courses (lasting 2-3 weeks), and
- c) September (repeat examinations), for courses



of both semesters (3 weeks).

The examination method for each course is chosen by the instructor and is included in the course outlines on the Department's website.

Grade Improvement Re-examinations

A student who has passed a Compulsory Course has a right to improve his or her grade by applying for participation in a subsequent examination, provided that an application has been submitted to the Department Secretary within the prescribed time. In this case, the higher grade achieved is retained. A student can apply for re-examination in a maximum of four compulsory courses throughout his studies. Elective courses and elective seminar courses are excluded. Assessment is based on the syllabus taught at the time of the second examination

Assessment and requirements for the awarding of a degree / Course Allocation / Course of Studies

The passing grade for each course is 5.0. The grading scale is as follows:
Excellent: 8.50 – 10.00
Very Good: 6.50 – 8.49
Good: 5.00 – 6.49.

Course allocation per semester is as follows:

Semester	Number & classification of courses taken
A	5 Compulsory Courses + 1 English Language Course
B	5 Compulsory Courses + 1 English Language Course
C	4 Compulsory Courses + 1 English Language Course + 1 Elective Course
D	4 Compulsory Courses + 1 English Language Course + 1 Elective Course
E	4 Elective Courses + 2 Elective Seminar Courses
F	4 Elective Courses + 2 Elective Seminar Courses
G	3 Elective Courses + 2 Elective Seminar Courses + 1 Elective Course from another Department
H	3 Elective Courses + 2 Elective Seminar Courses + 1 Elective Course from another Department

The overall grade for the awarding of a degree is based on the average of the highest grades achieved in the courses passed by the student, provided that the requirements for the awarding of a degree are fulfilled by the elective courses. For students who have been examined on more elective courses or elective seminar courses than are required for the awarding of a degree, those courses where the highest grades have been achieved are taken into account. Elective courses are calculated into the overall grade in ascending order. The foreign language course counts as one grade, based on the average of grades achieved in the four semester courses.

List of courses offered

(detailed course outlines can be found at http://www.soc.uoc.gr/political/?page_id=157).



Autumn Semester

Foreign Language

English for Political Scientists A
English for Political Scientists C

Autumn Semester Compulsory Courses

Introduction to Political Science I – Internal Politics
Political Theory I
Modern European History
Introduction to Greek Politics
Introduction to the Methodology of Political Science
Political Theory III
Interest Groups
Collective Action and Political Change
Introduction to Comparative Political Analysis

Elective Courses

Inferential Statistics
Labour Organization and Labour Relations
Economic Analysis I
Administrative Science
Public Policies in Education and Training

Integration Policies in Europe and Cultural Identity
EU Immigration Policy
Euro-Mediterranean Relations
Contemporary Issues in Governance

Elective Seminar Courses

Special Issues in Political Theory: Hegel
The State and Human Rights
Special Issues in Social Theory: K. Marx – M. Weber
Statistical Procedures using SPSS, LISREL, AMOS, EQS, and STATA software
Integration Policies
Local Government and Development Policy in China
Social Exclusion of Immigrants and Integration
Policies in Greece
English Literature and Politics
Europe and the World
The Labour Market and Employment Policies
Special Issues in Public Policy Analysis



Spring Semester

Foreign Language

English for Political Scientists B
English for Political Scientists D

Spring Semester Compulsory Courses

Qualitative Methods in the Social Sciences
Introduction to Political Science II – International Politics
Political Theory II
Constitutional Institutions
Descriptive Statistics
Political Theory IV: International Theory
The State and State Policies
Political Parties
The EU Political System

Elective Courses

The US Political System
Society and the Economy: Theories and Paradigms of Economic and Social Development
Economic Analysis II
Rights and Immigration
"Illegalization" and Immigration Policy

Violence and Politics
Theories of Democracy
Game Theory for Political Scientists

Elective Seminar Courses

Readings in Economic Policy and Administrative Science
European Policies in Education and Training
Special Issues in Immigration Policy
Issues in Greek Politics
Special issues in State Policies
Institutions and the Media
Property and Politics in the Age of Imperialism
The State and Economic Regulation
The University and Political Power
Communication Policies of Interest Groups
History and Politics Through Dramaturgy

Undergraduate Students' Funding

Grants and awards for undergraduate students by the Department / School / University

Every three years the Alexander Karavitis Scholarship is awarded to a student from the School of Social Sciences, based on his / her academic excellence.

State and other funding: Scholarships and awards are also granted to undergraduate students by the State Scholarship Foundation, based on excellence, either in admission examinations or performance per academic semester.

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