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**Federal State Autonomous Educational Institution of Higher Education  
PEOPLES' FRIENDSHIP UNIVERSITY OF RUSSIA  
NAMED AFTER PATRICE LUMUMBA  
RUDN University**

**Law Institute**

(educational division (faculty/institute/academy) as programme developer)

**Public policy and history of state and law**

(department realizing the PhD program)

**COURSE SYLLABUS**

**Methodology of Scientific Research**

(course title)

Scientific specialty:

**5.5.2. Political institutions, processes, technologies**

(scientific speciality code and title)

The course instruction is implemented within the PhD programmes:

**Political Science: Russian and Comparative Studies**

(PhD program title)

## 1. DISCIPLINE (MODULE) GOAL

The objective of mastering the discipline «Methodology of Scientific Research» is to develop postgraduate students' cultural, historical and systemic perception of science, awareness of belonging to a single cultural environment of scientific knowledge, ideas about the types of scientific rationality, norms, principles and methods of scientific research, skills for organizing independent research activities. based on modern methodology.

The tasks of the discipline are:

- formation of knowledge in the field of political science;
- postgraduate students mastering scientific approaches and methods of political science research (philosophical and ideological, general scientific and particular scientific);
- acquisition by graduate students of additional knowledge about the place of political science in the system of scientific knowledge, its structure, functions;
- developing postgraduate students' ability to analyze the structural components of the scientific problem they are studying, the ability to establish their place and role in the political system of society;
- the formation of a scientific political science outlook, political culture among postgraduate students, the development of a value orientation in life, scientific and practical activities based on the priority of human and civil rights and freedoms, as well as the ability to make competent decisions in professional activities;
- mastering the skills of research activities by graduate students.

## 2. REQUIREMENTS TO PHD-STUDENTS ON FINISHING THE COURSE

Mastering the discipline «Methodology of Scientific Research» is aimed at preparing for the candidate's examinations, as well as: the formation of students' knowledge that allows them to effectively carry out research activities in the field of political institutions, processes and technologies, as well as teaching activities in educational programs of higher education; development of the ability to independently carry out research activities related to solving complex professional problems in modern conditions.

As a result of studying the discipline, the graduate student must:

Know: trends in the development of political science in Russia and abroad; the main approaches used in modern political science; the main research methods used in political science (both general scientific and special political science); actual problems of political science requiring scientific development; algorithm for conducting political science research.

Be able to: determine the relevance of scientific research; identify the degree of scientific development of a scientific problem; formulate goals and objectives of scientific research; substantiate the theoretical, normative and empirical base of the study; apply methods corresponding to the content, goals and objectives of the study; to put forward, substantiate and test scientific hypotheses; justify and defend their own scientific position.

Possess: the skills of collecting, processing, analyzing and systematizing information on the topic of research, the skills of choosing methods and means for solving research problems, including in interdisciplinary areas; technologies for critical analysis and evaluation of modern scientific achievements and results of activities to solve research and practical problems.

## 3. WORKLOAD OF THE DISCIPLINE AND TYPES OF ACTIVITIES

The overall workload of the discipline «Methodology of Scientific Research» is 2 credit units (72 academic hours).

Types of activities	Total ac. hrs.	Semesters
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<i>Classroom activities (total), including:</i>	18	18
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Lectures (LC)	12	12

Laboratory activities (LA)	–	–
Practical lessons/Seminars (PC)	6	6
<i>Independent work</i>	18	18
<i>Intermediate certification (test with assessment/exam)</i>	36	36
Overall workload	ac. hrs.	72
	credits	2

#### 4. CONTENT OF THE DISCIPLINE

Name of the discipline section	Contents of the section (topic)	Type of study work
1. Political science as a system of knowledge and a social institution	Subject, system, goals and objectives of the course "Methodology of Legal Research". Correlation between the formation of knowledge about law and the skills of political science research. Political science as a system of knowledge about law. Criteria of scientific knowledge. Functions of political science. Political science as a social institution. Scientific political science community. Ethics of scientific research.	LC
2. Political Science in Russia and Abroad: Problems and Prospects	Stages of formation and development of political science, basic concepts, schools. Basic paradigms of political science research. Basic methodological approaches in political science. Research political approaches of the present. Methods and techniques of political science research.	LC, S
3. Actual problems of modern political science	Actualization of political problems. Identification of promising areas of scientific research. Areas of scientific political knowledge. The needs of modern society in scientific political knowledge.	LC
4. Politics as an object of study	Correlation between politics and political science. Politics and political science in the context of civilization and culture. Typology of political understanding. Etatism and sociologism in political science. Interpretations of political processes and phenomena in line with various types of approaches in political science.	LC, S
5. Doctrinal and practical political science	Conceptual level of policy comprehension. scientific doctrines. political paradigms. political practices. Analysis of political campaigns.	LC
6. Political categories and concepts, political constructions	Concepts and categories in political science. Reflection of objects of political reality through concepts and categories. Conceptual and categorical apparatus in the framework of the study. political structures. Political modeling.	LC
7. Scientific approaches and methods of political research	Methodology of political science. Principles of knowledge. Scientific approaches. Methods of knowledge. Correlation between scientific approaches and research methods. Classification of scientific approaches and methods research.	LC, S

	System of scientific approaches and methods in political science.	
8. Modern scientific approaches in political science	Paradigm shift in science. Political science as a phenomenon of civilization and culture. civilizational approach. sociocultural approach. anthropological approach. Hermeneutics. Synergetics.	LC, S
9. Building a research methodology	Goal-setting in scientific research. Object and subject of research. Identification of research approaches and methods to be applied.	LC, S
10. Methodology of Comparative Political Studies	Principles of Comparative Politics. Transfer of identities in time and space. Synchronous and diachronic methods. Institutional and normative comparison.	LC
11. Political science research algorithm	Actualization of the political problem. Identification of the degree of scientific development of the problem. Sources and literature. Conceptual and categorical apparatus of the study. Setting goals and objectives. Definition of object and subject. Theoretical, normative and empirical base of the research. Definition of research methodology.	LC
12. Research Presentation	Within the framework of the topic of the dissertation research, scientific and qualification characteristics of the work are presented.	LC, S

## 5. EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS

Room Type	Room Equipment	Specialized educational / laboratory equipment, software and materials for mastering the discipline
Class for Seminars	Room for seminar-type classes, equipped with a set of specialized furniture, board (screen) and technical / multimedia gadgets	Not necessary
Self-Work Class	Room for self-working (can be used for lecture and seminars activities), equipped with a set of specialized furniture, board (screen) and technical / multimedia gadgets and computers with an access to EIPES	Not necessary

## 6. METHODOLOGICAL SUPPORT AND LEARNING MATERIALS

### *Main readings:*

1. Sovremennaya politicheskaya nauka: Metodologiya: Uchebnik dlya magistrantov i aspirantov. / Otv. red. O. V. Gaman-Golutvina. A. I. Nikitin.-M.: Izdatelstvo «Aspekt Press». 2019- 776 s.
2. Teoriya i metodologiya politicheskoy nauki: Uchebnik/pod.obshch.red.S.V.Rastorguyeva.-M.:Izdatelstvo Knorus.2023.-218s.

### *Additional readings:*

1. Alekseeva T. A., Bajkov A. A., Baranovskij V. G., Batalov E. YA., Bogaturov A. D., Vodolazov G. G. *Sovremennaya politicheskaya nauka: metodologiya. Monografiya.* / T. A. Alekseeva, A. A. i dr. - M.: Izd-vo Aspekt Press, 2020 - 776s.
2. Brega A. V. *Setevoj podhod v issledovanii politiki // Setevizaciya politicheskikh otnoshenij v usloviyah novoj real'nosti: [monografiya] / O. M. Mihajlenok, A. V. Nazarenko, V. V. Lyublinskij [i dr.]; otv. red. O. M. Mihajlenok, A. V. Nazarenko; FNISC RAN. – M. : FNISC RAN, 2021. S. 166-186*
3. Borishpolec K.P. *Metody politicheskikh issledovanij: ucheb. posobie dlya stud. vuzov / K. P. Borishpolec. - 2-e izd., ispr. i dop. - M. : Aspekt Press, 2010. - 230 s.*
4. *Metodologiya i organizaciya napisaniya nauchno-kvalifikacionnoj raboty (dissertacii) : uchebnoe posobie / A.E. Karlik [i dr.] ; pod red. d-ra ekon. nauk, prof., zasl. deyatelya nauki RF A.E. Karlika. – SPb.: Izd-vo SPbGEU, 2020. – 130 s.*
5. Seletkov, S. G. *Metodologiya dissertacionnogo issledovaniya : uchebnik dlya vuzov / S. G. Seletkov. — Moskva : Izdatel'stvo Yurajt, 2022. — 281 s. — (Vysshee obrazovanie). — ISBN 978-5-534-13682-1. — Tekst : elektronnyj // Obrazovatel'naya platforma Yurajt [sajt]. — URL: <https://urait.ru/bcode/496644>*

*Internet sources:*

ELS RUDN University and third party EBS, to which university students have access based signed contracts:

- RUDN Electronic Library System, <http://lib.rudn.ru/MegaPro/Web> ;
- ELS University Library Online, <http://www.biblioclub.ru> ;
- EBS Urayt, <http://www.biblio-online.ru> ;
- ELS Student Consultant, <http://www.studentlibrary.ru> ;
- EBS Lan, <http://e.lanbook.com> ;
- EBS Trinity Bridge <http://www.trmost.ru>

Databases and search engines:

- Electronic fund of legal and normative-technical documentation, <http://docs.cntd.ru> ;
- Yandex search system <https://www.yandex.ru> ;
- Google search system <https://www.google.com> ;
- Reference database Scopus , <http://www.elsevierscience.ru/products/scopus>

*Educational and methodological materials for students' self-work studying the discipline / module:*

A course of lectures on the discipline «Methodology of Scientific Research».

## **7. ASSESSMENT TOOLKIT AND GRADING SYSTEM FOR MIDTERM ATTESTATION OF STUDENTS IN THE DISCIPLINE (MODULE)**

Assessment toolkit and a grading system to evaluate the level of competences (competences in part) formation as the course results are specified on the TUIS platform.

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