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COURSE SYLLABUS

POLITICAL SCIENCE

(course title)

Recommended by the Didactic Council for the Education Field of:

Veterinary Medicine 36.05.01

field of studies / Specialty code and title

The course instruction is implemented within the professional education program of higher education:

Veterinary Medicine 36.05.01

higher education programme profile/specialisation title

2025

1. COURSE GOAL

The discipline "Political science" is included in the specialty program "Veterinary science" in the direction of 36.05.01 "Veterinary Medicine" and is studied in the 1st semester of the 1st year. The discipline is implemented by the Department of Public Policy and History of State and Law. The discipline consists of 8 sections and 11 topics and is aimed at studying the main political institutions and the features of their functioning.

The purpose of mastering the discipline is to introduce students to the basics of political science and to form in them a general understanding of politics, its main aspects, problems, patterns and its interaction with other spheres of public life.

2. REQUIREMENTS FOR LEARNING OUTCOMES

Studying the course "Political science" is aimed at the formation of the following competencies:

Table 2.1. List of competences that students acquire through the course study

Competence code	Competence descriptor	Competence formation indicators (within this course)
GC-3	Able to organize and manage the work of a team, developing a team strategy to achieve the set goal.	GC-3.1 Defines his role in the team based on the strategy of cooperation to achieve the set goal; GC-3.2 Formulates and takes into account in its activities the behavioral characteristics of groups of people, identified depending on the set goal; GC-3.3 Analyzes the possible consequences of personal actions and plans their actions to achieve a given result.

3. COURSE IN HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAM STRUCTURE:

The course "Political science" refers to compulsory module of block 1of the academic program.

As part of the Higher Education Academic Program, students also study other courses and/or practices that contribute to the achievement of the planned learning outcomes of the discipline "Political science".

Table 3.1. The list of the higher education program components/disciplines that contribute to the achievement of the expected learning outcomes as the course study results

Competence code	Competence	Previous Disciplines	Subsequent Disciplines
GC-3	Able to organize and manage the work of a team, developing a team strategy to achieve the set goal.		Preparation for and passing of the state exam; Educational practice; Introduction to the specialty.

* - to be filled out in accordance with the competency matrix

** - elective disciplines/practices

4. COURSE WORKLOAD AND ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

The total workload of the discipline "Political Science" is "2" credit units.

Table 4.1. Types of educational work by periods of mastering the educational program of higher education for full-time education.

Types of academic activities	Total, ac.hours	Semester(-s)
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Contact work, academic h.	34	34
Lecture (**LK**)	17	17
Laboratory work (**LR**)	0	0
Practical/seminar sessions (**SZ**)	17	17
Self-study, ac. h.	*29*	*29*
Control (exam/test with assessment), ac. h.	*9*	*9*
Total course workload	**Academic hours** *72*	*72*
	Credits *2*	*2*

5. COURSE MODULES AND CONTENTS

Table 5.1. Course modules and academic activities types

Section number	Course module title	Course module contents (topics)		Academic activities types
Section 1.	Politics as an object and subject of research	1.1	The concept of "Political Science", "Politics", their essence and diversity. Politics as a subject of research.	LK

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			History of the discipline. The main functions of politics.	SZ
		1.2	Main areas of political science knowledge. Structure and methods of political science. Political science and other social sciences.	
Section 2.	History of political doctrines	2.1	The ideal state of Plato and Aristotle. The history of the emergence and development of political theory. Political theory of the ancient world. Contribution to the development of political thought by Thomas Aquinas and Augustine the Blessed. The treatise "The City of God". Consideration of the relationship between politics and state structure. Political theory of the Renaissance. The work of N. Machiavelli "The Prince", its influence on the political views of his contemporaries. T. Hobbes "Leviathan": rethinking the role of the state and politics.	LK, SZ
		2.2	Political views of J.-J. Rousseau. Revolution in political theory and social worldview. Main ideas of Western political thought of the New Time. Foreign political thought: ideas and methods in the New Time. Political ideas of M. Weber.	LK
Section 3.	The State	3.1	The concept of the state. The main features of the state. Sovereignty. Publicity. Monopoly on the use of legal coercion. Theories of the state. Mandatory and universal jurisdiction of the state. The rule of law. The state and political governance. Theories of the state. The main functions of the state. Forms of government. Confederation, federation, unitary state. Forms of government. Monarchy, its varieties. Republic. Presidential, parliamentary, mixed republics. Social state. The state in Russia.	LK
Section 4.	Power and authority relations	4.1	The diversity of existing concepts of "Power". The main problems of conceptual analysis of power. The main forms of power. Force coercion, incentive, manipulation, authority. Hidden practices of power. Power and management. Power and domination. Political and economic power. The main traditions in understanding power. Multidimensional concepts of power.	LK

				Power in normative discourse. Power and domination. Political power. Forms, manifestations and indicators of political power. Theories of political power. Marxist theories of power. Elitism. Pluralism.	
Section 5.	Political ideology	5.1		The concept and essence of ideology. The main concepts of ideology. Ideology and political theory. Functions of political ideologies. Perspectives on Ideologies. Classical and Modern Liberalism. Variations of Modern Liberalism. Libertarianism. Conservatism. Traditionalism and Fundamentalism. Christian Democracy. New Right. Socialism and Communism. Fascism and Right-Wing Ideologies. Italian Fascism and German National Socialism. Modern Fascism and Nationalism. Islamic Fundamentalism. Feminism.	LK, SZ
Section 6.	Political regimes	6.1		The concept of "political regime" and its essence. The main factors determining the nature of the political regime. Classification of modern political regimes. Totalitarian political regime. The origins of totalitarianism. Fascist and communist totalitarian regimes. Sovietological concepts of the Soviet political system. Authoritarian regimes. Types of authoritarian regimes. Traditional monarchy. Military regimes. Bureaucratic regimes. Oligarchic regimes. Populist regimes. Political regime in Russia.	LK, SZ
Section 7.	Political leadership	7.1		The concept and nature of political leadership. The main theories of leadership. Functions of political leaders. Typology of leaders. Classification of leaders based on image. Classification of leaders by behavior style. Features of political leadership in modern Russia.	LK, SZ
Section 8.	Modern political process	8.1		The concept and essence of the political process, its types and possible participants. Political processes in the modern Russian Federation, their features. The structure of power and power relations. Problems of Globalization and Multiculturalism. Building a Social State. Problems of the modern state and possible solutions	LK

		8.2	World political process: main trends and prospects. Geopolitics.	LK

* - to be filled out only for **full-time** education: *LK – lectures; LR – laboratory work; SZ – practical/seminar sessions.*

6. CLASSROOM EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS

Table 6.1. Classroom Equipment and Technology Support Requirements

Classroom type	Classroom equipment	Specialized educational/laboratory equipment, software and materials for mastering the discipline (if necessary)
Lecture classroom	An auditorium for conducting lecture-type classes, equipped with a set of specialized furniture; board (screen) and technical means of multimedia presentations.	Availability of specially equipped classrooms for multimedia presentations.
Seminars classroom	An auditorium for conducting seminar-type classes, group and individual consultations, ongoing monitoring and intermediate certification, equipped with a set of specialized furniture and technical means for multimedia presentations.	Availability of specially equipped classrooms for multimedia presentations.
Self-study classroom	An auditorium for independent work by students (can be used for seminars and consultations), equipped with a set of specialized furniture and computers with access to EIOS (Electronic information educational environment).	

* - the classroom for student's independent work is **MANDATORY**!

7. RESOURCES RECOMMENDED FOR COURSE STUDY

Main readings:

1. Mukhaev, R. T. Political Science. World Politics, Process, Technologies: Textbook for Universities / R. T. Mukhaev. - 6th ed., revised. and additional. - Moscow: Yurait Publishing House, 2024. - 317 p. - (Higher Education). *(In russian).*

2. Lantsov, S. A. Political Science: a textbook for universities / S. A. Lantsov. - 3rd ed., revised and enlarged. - Moscow: Yurait Publishing House, 2024. - 474 p. *(In russian)*.
3. Introduction to Political Science. Senior contributing authors Mark Carl Rom, Georgetown University Masaki Hidaka, American university Rachel Bzostek Walker, Collin college. OpenStax, Rice University, 2022.

Additional readings:

1. Machiavelli N. The Prince / Machiavelli N. The prince: Works. - M.: ZAO Izdatelstvo EKSMO-Press; Kharkov: Izdatelstvo "Folio", 1999.-656 p.
3. Orwell J. 1984: novel; Animal Farm: a fairy tale-allegory Orwell; [translated from English by V. Golyshev, L. Bespalova]. - Moscow: Publishing house AST; Vladimir: VKT, 2008. 412.
4. Political Science Dictionary / Ed. by Khalipov V.F. - M.: Higher School, 1995.
5. Drobot, G. L. World Politics: a textbook for bachelors / G. L. Drobot. - M.: Publishing House Yurait, 2016. - 476 p. - Series: Bachelor. Basic course.
6. Almond G. Political science: history of the discipline / G. Almond // Polis (Political studies). - 1997. - No. 6. - P. 174-183
7. The oxford handbook of Political Institutions. Edited by R. A. W. RHODES, SARAH A. BINDER and BERT A. ROCKMAN. Oxford University Press, 2006.

Internet sources:

 1. Electronic libraries with access for RUDN students:
- RUDN eLibrary System. URL: http://lib.rudn.ru/MegaPro/Web
- Presidential Library. URL: https://www.prlib.ru/en

2. Databases and search engines
- Google. URL: https://www.google.ru/
- SCOPUS. URL: http://www.elsevierscience.ru/products/scopus/
- Yandex. URL: https://www.yandex.ru/

Learning toolkits for self- studies in the RUDN LMS TUIS
1. Lecture course on "Political science".

* - All educational and methodological materials for students' independent work are posted in accordance with the current procedure on the discipline page in TUIS!

8. ASSESSMENT TOOLKIT AND GRADING SYSTEM* FOR EVALUATION OF STUDENTS' COMPETENCES LEVEL UPON COURSE COMPLETION

Evaluation materials and the rating system for assessing the level of formation of competencies (parts of competencies) based on the results of mastering the course are presented in the Appendix to this Course Syllabus.

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