

General information	
Academic subject	<b>Political Science</b>
Degree course	Political Science
Academic Year	First year
European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS)	8
Language	Italian
Academic calendar (starting and ending date)	1 <sup>st</sup> semester (September 2021 – December 2021)
Attendance	Strongly recommended

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Syllabus	
Learning Objectives	
Course prerequisites	None.
Contents	The subject of the course is an introduction to the topics of Political Science. In the first part, the institutional one, the topics of Political Science (forms of state and government, electoral systems, political participation, parties and movements, ...) will be addressed in a thematic way. In the second part, the key themes of political theory will be discussed through the method of conceptual maps.
Books and bibliography	Cotta M., Della Porta D., Morlino M., Scienza politica, Il Mulino, Bologna, 2008.  Calise M., Lowi T.J., Musella F., Concetti chiave. Capire la scienza politica, Il Mulino, 2016.
Additional materials	

Work schedule			
Total	Lectures	Hands on (Laboratory, working groups, seminars, field trips)	Out-of-class study hours/ Self-study hours
<b>Hours</b>			
200	64		136
<b>ECTS</b>			
8	8		
Teaching strategy	Frontal teaching.		
Expected learning outcomes			
Knowledge and understanding on:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ acquire, organise, and reformulate data and knowledge from different sources.</li> </ul>		
Applying knowledge and understanding on:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ apply what it has been learned in a real situation, identifying the areas of knowledge that best enable them to deal with it.</li> </ul>		

<b>Soft skills</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Making informed judgments and choices</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ to interpret information critically and make decisions accordingly.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <i>Communicating knowledge and understanding</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ convey information and ideas in both oral and written form in a clear and formally correct manner, expressing them in terms appropriate to the specialist or non-specialist interlocutors in the field.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <i>Capacities to continue learning</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ recognise gaps and identify effective strategies for acquiring new knowledge and skills.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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<b>Assessment and feedback</b>	
Methods of assessment	Oral exam
Evaluation criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Knowledge and understanding</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Learning the fundamentals of political science in relation to different topics and approaches to the study of political phenomena.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <i>Applying knowledge and understanding</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ability to independently establish logical links between related concepts, even if not sequentially articulated, especially concerning the content of the institutional part (especially referring to the main theories of political science) with the theoretical part of application to conceptual maps.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <i>Autonomy of judgment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ability to take a position on the conceptual contents of the programme and development of an autonomous critical sense, especially in relation to the political problems of Western societies.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <i>Communicating knowledge and understanding</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ability to communicate one's thoughts correctly and correctness in the articulation of language and possession of the basic vocabulary of Political Science.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <i>Capacities to continue learning</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ability to learn about the subject matter and to restructure information according to the issues at hand.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Criteria for assessment and attribution of the final mark	The final mark is given through a point system, with 30 points being the best grade and 18 the minimum passing grade. Hence, the exam is considered passed when the mark is greater than or equal to 18/30. The oral test will focus on the topics indicated in the programme and will be aimed at verifying the student's knowledge of the subject, as well as his capacity for argumentation and independent judgement.
<b>Additional information</b>	