



ITALIAN POLITICS AND SOCIETY	
Enrollment year	2018/2019
Academic year	2019/2020
Regulations	DM270
Academic discipline	SPS/01 (POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY)
Department	DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
Course	
Curriculum	PERCORSO COMUNE
Year of study	2°
Period	1st semester (30/09/2019 - 16/12/2019)
ECTS	6
Lesson hours	40 lesson hours
Language	English
Activity type	ORAL TEST
Teacher	CARTER IAN FRANK (titolare) - 4 ECTS PARRI LEONARDO - 2 ECTS
Prerequisites	<p>This is a Master-level course, which means that visiting students should normally be in at least their fourth year of academic study. Students are expected to have some knowledge of the basic tools of at least one of the following disciplinary areas: political science, sociology, economics, law, contemporary history.</p> <p>The course is intended primarily for non-Italian students and assumes no prior acquaintance with Italian politics or society. However, Italian students are also welcome.</p>
Learning outcomes	<p>The course aims to introduce students to the main features of the Italian political system and issues in Italian society.</p> <p>By the end of the course, students should have become familiar with the main Italian political, economic and social institutions; with the main</p>

	<p>challenges affecting the contemporary Italian political system, the Italian economy, and Italy-EU relations; and with some important contemporary Italian policy questions and ethical controversies. Through participation in seminars and essay writing, students will also improve their presentational, analytical and argumentative skills.</p>
Course contents	<p>The course covers a range of topics, including the following: Italian political institutions; Italian economic development; regional differences; the Italian welfare state; the Italian party system; media and electoral campaigns in Italy; Italian political ideas; controversies in public ethics; Italy's contribution to European integration; the impact of European integration on Italian politics and policies; changing Italian attitudes towards Europe.</p>
Teaching methods	<p>The course consists of 20 classes, roughly a half of which are introductory lectures. The lectures are followed by seminars involving active participation by the students. Lectures and seminars are held by different members of the Department of Political and Social Sciences. Updated information on the course – including the updated course programme and schedule – will be available through KIRO. The purpose of the lectures is to provide background knowledge that will be useful for the seminars, in which students are required to give oral presentations and discuss them with other students. Each seminar will begin with one or two students' presentations based on the relevant reading(s). The presentation will be followed by a discussion coordinated by a lecturer specialized in the relevant topic.</p>
Reccomended or required readings	<p>Readings will be indicated by the course convenor at the beginning of the course and will be made available through KIRO.</p>
Assessment methods	<p>Students will be assessed on the basis of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) the oral presentation in class (30%); (2) the assessed essay (60%); (3) active seminar participation during the course (10%). <p>The course coordinator will inform students of their overall mark by email.</p> <p>The final essay must be written in English under the supervision of one of the lecturers. The subject must be related either to the presentation each student has delivered in class or based on another related topic. In either case, the essay topic must be discussed and approved by the relevant lecturer. The maximum length for the essay is 3,500 words.</p>
Further information	<p>Attendance of lectures and seminars is compulsory. In order to qualify for the exam, students must have a 70% attendance rate.</p> <p>An important note for visiting students: If you are planning to leave Pavia at the end of the semester, please be sure to plan carefully ahead. Check the dates of the "appelli di esame" (exam appointments) well in advance allowing for the time needed to complete all of the necessary steps before you leave Pavia: contacting your essay supervisor, completing the essay, handing it in, and receiving your feedback and your mark, registering the exam mark</p>

online.

Remember that it is not permitted to send an assessed essay when you are no longer present in Pavia. Neither is it possible for the course Coordinator to register your final mark on an exam date when you are no longer present in Pavia. The exam mark can only be registered during an "appello di esame", and you must be present at that "appello".

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