

ACADEMIC COURSE DESCRIPTION

**BACHELOR'S PROGRAMME
SOCIOLOGY
3RD YEAR OF STUDY, 2ND SEMESTER**

COURSE TITLE		POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY
COURSE CODE	L.SOC31	
COURSE TYPE	Full attendance / Tutorial	
COURSE LEVEL	1 st cycle (Bachelor's degree)	
YEAR OF STUDY, SEMESTER	3 rd year of study, 2 nd semester	
NUMBER OF ECTS CREDITS	5	
NUMBER OF HOURS PER WEEK	4 (2 lecture hours + 2 seminar hours)	
NAME OF LECTURE HOLDER	Romeo ASIMINEI	
NAME OF SEMINAR HOLDER	Sergiu BORTOŞ	
PREREQUISITES	Intermediate level of English	
A	GENERAL AND COURSE-SPECIFIC COMPETENCES	
	Professional competences: C3.2. To interpret social reality through applying fundamental knowledge; C4.2. To outline the causality of social problems and conflicts and to identify the most appropriate solutions; C5.2. To identify the specific needs of the target groups. Transversal competences: CT1. To apply the proper strategies for rigorous, efficient, punctual and responsible work, based on the principles, norms and values connected to the code of professional ethics;	
B	LEARNING OUTCOMES	
	Students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - explain the electoral behavior of voters; - describe explanatory models of electoral behaviour; - describe the main types of electoral systems; - use the fundamental concepts of political sociology; - analyze specific political phenomena and situations 	
C	LECTURE CONTENT	
	Introduction to political sociology. Case study: The Romanian Diaspora and the construction of the voting decision Political participation: political socialization Political participation: forms of political participation, motivations of political participation Political participation: voting participation Models of measuring democracy Explanatory models of electoral behavior: sociological invoice models Explanatory models of electoral behavior: psycho-sociological invoice models Explanatory models of electoral behavior: economic invoice models Electoral systems: actors and elements of the electoral system Electoral systems: types of electoral systems Electoral systems: electoral systems in Romania The evolution of the electoral life in the Romanian space: the presidential elections The evolution of the electoral life in the Romanian space: the parliamentary elections The evolution of electoral life in the Romanian space: local elections	
D	RECOMMENDED READING FOR LECTURES	
	Asiminei, Romeo, 2013. Sociologie electorală. Alegeri, alegători și comportamente de vot. Iași: Editura universității „Alexandru Ioan Cuza”. Boamfă, Ionel, 2013. Geografie electorală. Iași: Editura universității „Alexandru Ioan Cuza”. Bulai, Alfred, 1999. Mecanismele electorale ale societății românești. București: Paideea. Coman, Claudiu, 2004. Comportamentul de vot. Sondajele de opinie și gestiunea campaniilor electorale. București: Economică. Comşa, Mircea et all, 2001. Sondajele de opinie. Mod de utilizare. Alegerile 2000. Prezentare și analiză, București: Paideia. Drăgan, Ioan, 1998. Construcția simbolică a câmpului electoral. Iași: Institutul European. Iațu, Corneliu (coord.), Ionel Boamfă, Ciprian Alupului, Sebastian Năstăță, Silviu Petru Grecu, Romeo Asiminei, Raluca Ioana Horea-Şerban, Voicu Bodocan, Aurelian Giugăl, Cătălin Timofciuc, 2013. Atlasul electoral al României 1990 – 2009. Iași: Editura universității „Alexandru Ioan Cuza”. Mungiu-Pippidi, Alina, 2002. Politica după comunism, București: Humanitas. Rotariu, Traian & Comşa, Mircea (ed), 2004. Alegerile generale 2004. O perspectivă sociologică. Cluj-Napoca: EIKON.	

	<p>Teodorescu, Bogdan (coord.), 2001. Marketing politic și electoral. București: comunicare.ro.</p> <p>Teodorescu, Gheorghe (coord.), 2009. Alegeri 2008. Volumul 1 & 2, Iași: Polirom.</p> <p>Teodorescu, Gheorghe & Gherasim-Proca, Ovidiu, 2006. Sisteme și comportamente electorale. Iași: Fundația AXIS.</p> <p>Tufis, Claudiu (coord.), 2010. Alegerile pentru Parlamentul European. Romania 2009, Iași: Polirom.</p> <p>Vlăsceanu, Lazăr, Miroiu, Adrian, 2001. Democrația ca proces. Alegerile 2000. Iași: Trei.</p> <p>***, Asociația ProDemocrația, Secțiunea Publicații, www.apd.ro/publicatii.php</p> <p>***, Autoritatea Electorală Permanentă, www.roaep.ro</p>
E	SEMINAR CONTENT
	<p>Fundamental concepts of political sociology: Power, Authority, Legitimacy, Domination / Sovereignty</p> <p>Presentation of projects - Elections in Romania</p> <p>Fundamental concepts of political sociology: Political regime / order, Political system, Citizenship</p> <p>Presentation of projects - Elections in Romania</p> <p>Fundamental institutions of politics: the State, the Government, the Party</p> <p>Presentation of projects - Elections in Romania</p> <p>Fundamental institutions of politics: Parliamentarism, Civil Society, Trade Unions</p> <p>Presentation of projects - Elections in Romania</p> <p>Fundamental dimensions of politics: Ideology, Doctrine</p> <p>Presentation of projects - Elections in Romania</p> <p>Fundamental dimensions of politics: Civic culture, Leadership, Representation</p> <p>Presentation of projects - Elections in Romania</p> <p>Fundamental political concepts: Liberalism, Conservatism, Nationalism</p> <p>Presentation of projects - Elections in Romania</p> <p>Fundamental political concepts: Socialism, Fascism, Communism</p> <p>Presentation of projects - Elections in Romania</p> <p>Political actors: Elites, Interest groups</p> <p>Presentation of projects - Elections in Romania</p> <p>Political actors: Social movements, Active minorities</p> <p>Presentation of projects - Elections in Romania</p> <p>Political order: Monarchy, Democracy, Oligarchy</p> <p>Presentation of projects - Elections in Romania</p>
F	RECOMMENDED READING FOR SEMINARS
	<p>Asiminei, Romeo, 2013. Sociologie electorală. Alegeri, alegători și comportamente de vot. Iași: Editura universității „Alexandru Ioan Cuza”.</p> <p>Boamfă, Ionel, 2013. Geografie electorală. Iași: Editura universității „Alexandru Ioan Cuza”.</p> <p>Bulai, Alfred, 1999. Mecanismele electorale ale societății românești. București: Paideea.</p> <p>Coman, Claudiu, 2004. Comportamentul de vot. Sondajele de opinie și gestiunea campaniilor electorale. București: Economică.</p> <p>Comșa, Mircea et alii, 2001. Sondajele de opinie. Mod de utilizare. Alegerile 2000. Prezentare și analiză, București: Paideia.</p> <p>Drăgan, Ioan, 1998. Construcția simbolică a câmpului electoral. Iași: Institutul European.</p> <p>Mungiu-Pippidi, Alina, 2002. Politica după comunism, București: Humanitas.</p> <p>Iațu, Cornelius (coord.), Ionel Boamfă, Ciprian Alupului, Sebastian Năstăță, Silviu Petru Grecu, Romeo Asiminei, Raluca Ioana Horea-Şerban, Voicu Bodocan, Aurelian Giugăl, Cătălin Timofciuc, 2013. Atlasul electoral al României 1990 – 2009. Iași: Editura universității „Alexandru Ioan Cuza”.</p> <p>Rotariu, Traian & Comșa, Mircea (ed), 2004. Alegerile generale 2004. O perspectivă sociologică. Cluj-Napoca: EIKON.</p> <p>Teodorescu, Bogdan (coord.), 2001. Marketing politic și electoral. București: comunicare.ro.</p> <p>Teodorescu, Gheorghe (coord.), 2009. Alegeri 2008. Volumul 1 & 2, Iași: Polirom.</p> <p>Teodorescu, Gheorghe & Gherasim-Proca, Ovidiu, 2006. Sisteme și comportamente electorale. Iași: Fundația AXIS.</p> <p>Tufis, Claudiu (coord.), 2010. Alegerile pentru Parlamentul European. Romania 2009, Iași: Polirom.</p>
G	EDUCATION STYLE
LEARNING AND TEACHING METHODS	Problematic presentation, explanation, debate, case studies, projects
ASSESSMENT METHODS	Attendance registration, Evaluation of project presentation
LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION	Romanian / English