

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE OF UKRAINE
Lesya Ukrainka Volyn National University
International Relations Faculty
International Relations and Regional Studies Department

SYLLABUS
of a normative academic component

FUNDAMENTALS OF CIVIL SOCIETY AND POLITICAL KNOWLEDGE

Bachelor Training

Specialty 291 International Relations, Public Communications and
Regional Studies

**Education and professional
programme** International Relations

The syllabus of academic component «Fundamentals of Civil Society and Political Knowledge», Education Level Bachelor, Field of Knowledge 29 International Relations, specialty 291 «International Relations, Public Communications and Regional Studies», Educational and professional programme «International Relations».

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Head of the department:



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I. THE DESCRIPTION OF ACADEMIC COMPONENT

Indicator Name	Field of knowledge, specialty, educational and professional programme, education level	Characteristics of academic component
Full-time form of education	029 «International Relations» 291 «International Relations, Public Communication and Regional Studies» «International Relations» bachelor	Normative
Number of hours / credits 90/3		Year of study – 3
		Semester – 5
		Lectures 20 hours
		Seminars 22 hours
Individual Student’s Work: no		Independent work 42 hours
		Consultations 6 hours
	Form of control credit	
Language of study		English

II. INFORMATION ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR

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III. DESCRIPTION OF THE ACADEMIC COMPONENT

1. A Course abstract.

The academic component *Fundamentals of Civil Society and Political Knowledge* belongs to the professional training cycle. Students study the basics of civil society (levels, structures, and functions), political organizations and modern ideologies, as well as key aspects of political knowledge.

2. Goal and tasks of the academic component

The goal of the course is studying the theoretical and practical foundations of civil society, the historical experience of its functioning in the countries of the world, the state and approaches to improving political education.

The main tasks:

- to analyze the multi-level system of civil society;
- to find out the regulatory and legal basis of the civil society functioning;
- reveal the concept of human rights and freedoms in the modern world;
- to monitor the activity and determine the efficiency of NGO activity;
- to comment on the causes, course and consequences of political reforms in the countries of the world;
- to be able to argue and actualize the need to improve political knowledge.

3. LEARNING OUTCOMES (COMPETENCIES)

	Effects	Criterion code
General Competences	The ability to exercise one's rights and responsibilities as a member of society, to realize the values of civil society and the need for its sustainable development, the rule of law, the rights and freedoms of a person and a citizen of Ukraine.	GC1
	The ability to preserve and multiply moral, cultural, scientific values and achievements of society based on understanding the history and patterns of development of the subject area, its place in the general system and knowledge about nature and society, and in the development of society, technics and technologies, to use various types and forms of motor activities for active recreation and leading a healthy lifestyle.	GC 2
	Ability to learn and master modern knowledge.	GC 3
	Knowledge and understanding of the subject area and understanding of professional activity.	GC 4
	The ability to communicate the national language both orally and in writing form.	GC 10
	The ability to communicate the national language both orally and in writing form.	GC 12
Special (professional) competencies	The ability to analyze international processes in various contexts, including political, security, legal, economic, social, cultural and informational ones.	SC 2
	The ability to analyze the influence of the world economy, international law and domestic politics on the structure and dynamics of international relations and the states foreign policy.	SC 5
	Awareness of the national interests of Ukraine in the international arena.	SC 8
Learning outcomes	To know and understand the nature of international relations and regional development, the evolution, the state of theoretical studies of international relations and world politics, as well as the nature and sources of the states' policies in the international arena and the activities of other participants in international relations.	LO 01
	To know the principles, mechanisms and processes of ensuring the states' foreign policy, the interaction between foreign and domestic policies, the definition and implementation of the national interests of states on the international arena, the process of forming and implementing foreign policy decisions.	LO 04
	To collect, process and analyze large volumes of information about the state of international relations, foreign policy of Ukraine and other states, regional systems, international communications.	LO 08
	To research the problems of international relations, regional development, foreign policy, international communications using modern political, economic and legal theories and concepts, scientific methods and interdisciplinary approaches, present the results of	LO 09

	research.	
	To conduct a professional discussion on issues of international relations, international communications, regional studies, foreign policy activities, argue one's position, respect opponents and their points of view.	LO 13

3. STRUCTURE OF THE ACADEMIC COMPONENT

Name of the content module and topic	Total	Lectures	Seminars	Independent student's work	Consultations	Form of control/grades
Content Module 1. Civil society is a society of equal citizens						
Topic 1. How to create a public organization?	9	2	2	4	1	TR 8
Topic 2. Institute of electronic petitions	8	2	2	4		PM 10
Topic 3. Forms of political participation	9	2	2	4	1	DB 8
Topic 4. Activities of non-governmental organizations (NGOs)	6		2	4		P 8
Topic 5. The role of social networks in the formation of civil society	9	2	2	4	1	DS 6
Total for Module 1	41	8	10	20	3	40
Content Module 2. Relevance of Citizens' Political Knowledge						
Topic 6. Reforms in politics, processes of political transformation in society	9	2	2	4	1	DB 10
Topic 7. Necessity and peculiarity of conducting an exit poll. Organization of public opinion polls	8	2	2	4		ISW 10
Topic 8. Legalization, decriminalization of critical social phenomena	9	2	2	4	1	DS 10
Topic 9. Expanding the interpretation of human rights in the 21st century (gender, human physicality, sexual freedom, euthanasia)	8	2	2	3	1	DS, DB 10
Topic 10. World experience of combating the 'shadow' economy	8	2	2	4		PM 10
Topic 11. Political/civic education in Ukraine.	7	2	2	3		R, PM 10
Total for Module 2	49	12	12	22	3	60
Total hours	90	20	22	42	6	100

Control methods: DS – discussion, DB – debate, T – tests, TR – training, PM/CM – problems/cases management, IST/ISW – individual task/individual work of the student, SGW – work in small groups, MTP/TP – module test paper/test paper, Ab – abstract, analytical note, analytical essay, analysis of the work.

4. INDIVIDUAL WORK

Individual work includes the theoretical study of questions from the topics of lecture classes that were not included in the theoretical course or considered very briefly. It implies in-depth study according to the list of recommended literature, as well as the completion of homework in order to consolidate the theoretical material, study the literature for preparation for seminars classes, preparation for the test.

Elements of the independent student's work	Number of hours
reading literature for classes	10
carrying out research	4
data collection	10
data analysis and interpretation	8
execution of assignments and doing homework	10
Total	42

5. EVALUATION POLICY

The instructor's evaluation policy regarding the student.

Evaluation during seminar classes is carried out based on how much the student is able to independently analyze and transfer the acquired knowledge. Reading information from paper and electronic media during the answer is prohibited. Attending seminar classes is a mandatory component of the assessment, for which points are awarded. For objective reasons (illness, international internship, participation in scientific events), training can take place online or according to an individual plan, upon agreement with the teacher).

In the conditions of martial law or quarantine restrictions, the educational process at the university can be carried out in a mixed form of education, namely: face-to-face in the classroom or remotely in Microsoft Teams.

Academic Integrity Policy.

Zero tolerance for plagiarism and cheating during written assignments and assessments.

Deadlines and Retaking Policy.

Works that are handed in late without good reason will be given a lower grade. Rearrangement of seminar topics is allowed only if there are valid reasons.

Compilation and recalculation of course credit is regulated by the *Regulations on current and final assessment of knowledge of higher education applicants of Lesya Ukrainka Volyn National University*.

FINAL CONTROL

The form of final control is a credit, which is set based on the results of the types of work that are provided for in the syllabus of the educational component. Tasks from these types of current control are evaluated in the range from 0 to 100 points. The student can additionally pass the topics he missed during the semester (for valid reasons) in consultation with the teacher, thus improving his result by exactly the amount of points provided for the missed topics. In the event that a student received less than 60 points, he makes a credit during the liquidation of academic debt. In this case, the points scored during the current assessment are cancelled. The maximum number of points during the liquidation of academic debt from credit is 100.

VI. GRADING SCALE

Scores	Linguistic Grade
90-100	Passed
82-89	
75-81	
67-74	
60-66	
1-59	Fail (needed to retake)

RECOMMENDED LITERATURE AND INTERNET RESOURCES

1. Докаленко В. В. Теоретичні підходи до визначення інститутів громадянського суспільства як суб'єктів публічного управління. Інвестиції: практика та досвід. 2020. № 21-22. С. 154–160.
2. Карташов А. В., Радченко О. В. Громадянське суспільство і політика. Політична абетка. Міжнародний Республіканський Інститут. Політична та громадянська освіта. К., 2016. 46 с.
3. Мельник Л. А. Взаємодія держави та інститутів громадянського суспільства: основні поняття, проблеми та стратегічні напрями. Державне управління: удосконалення та розвиток. 2019. № 2.
4. Політична освіта в Україні: стан і перспективи удосконалення. Якименко Ю. (кер. проекту), Биченко А., Замятін В., Міщенко М., О. Розумний, Л. Шангіна. Проект здійснено за сприяння Представництва Фонду Ганса Зайделя в Україні. К. 2019. 145 с. (2019_Politychna_osvita).
5. Про забезпечення участі громадськості у формуванні та реалізації державної політики: постанова Кабінету Міністрів України від 19 серпня 2022 року N 1018, URL: <http://www.zakon.rada.gov.ua>.