

General Information			
Course name	Political Institutions of Great Britain and the USA	ECTS Credits	4
		Semester	winter
Aims			
<p>The aim is to provide the students with information on how the British/American political system operates. To understand the nature of British/American political development and society, key institutions and practices in British/American politics including the attitudes and behaviour of British/American citizens.</p>			
Contents			
<p>Week 1: Introductory lesson  Week 2: The Setting of British/ American politics  Week 3: The Constitution  Week 4: The Monarchy in GB  Week 5: The Legislature  Week 6: REVISION  Week 7: The Executive  Week 8: The Judiciary  Week 9: Political parties  Week 10: Tutorials  Week 11: Bank holidays  Week 12: Great Britain/USA and its contemporary trends  Week 13: REVISION II  Week 14: Tutorials</p>			
Evaluation			
<p>1. Attendance - students are expected to attend each class according to the schedule. Should the student miss three or more classes, he/she will not receive credits for the course no matter what his/ her overall results are on the tests(s). The student must be on time for class.</p> <p>2. Active participation, completed homework assignments - students are required to do their best with respect to active participation in seminar sessions. Students are expected to bring their own copies of the required materials and complete the assigned tasks and exercises. Should you fail to bring your own copy or a completed home assignment for a particular seminar, you will be marked as absent.</p> <p>3. Continuous assessment – students will take 2 written tests. There will not be any re-take tests for the students who fail in one or both credit tests.</p> <p>Final assessment – scores of both tests will be summed up and it must be minimum 65% = a pass mark for the course. The final grade for the course will be based on the following grading scale.</p> <p>A 93-100% B 86-92% C 78-85% D 72-77% E 65-71% FX 64 and less.</p>			
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materials/sources as recommended by the lecturers

