

Political Science department

Undergraduate Courses

First Level

First Term

P131- Principles of Political Science (1) (Arabic / English / French)

The Study includes giving the student a general idea about: the concept of politics; research methods and political analysis; the state, its elements and theories concerning its inception; sovereignty; the role of law; functions of the state; the evolution of political thought; and political ideologies.

Second Term

P132- Principles of Political Science (2) (Arabic / English / French)

The Study includes giving the student a general idea about: the political systems and forms of governments, elite, public opinion, political parties, interest groups, international relations, elements of national power, history of international system, foreign policy and an introduction about contemporary international issues.

Second Level

For Political Science Specialization

First Term

P230- Theory of Comparative Political Systems (English / French)

P232- Evolution of Political Thought(1) (Arabic / English/ French)

The course gives the student a major base about the history of political thought during the ancient and medieval ages through analyzing how political thinking evolved. After giving an introduction that defines some concepts and discusses the inception of political thought in ancient China, and Egypt, the course deals with the Greek thought as presented by Plato and Aristotle then it deals with the Christian and Islamic thoughts during the medieval ages.

P235- Research Methodology in Political Science (Arabic /English/ French)

The course aims at training the student how to prepare researches in the field of political science through studying major topics such as: the research problem, the hypotheses, concepts and variables, methods of data collection, tools of data analysis.

Second Term

P234- Theory of International Relations. (English / French)

P233- Evolution of Political Thought (2) (Arabic / English)

The course deals with the history of political thought starting from the renaissance age as expressed by “Machiavelli” till the socialist thought, and the main dimensions of three major schools: the liberalist school, the socialist school, renewing in Islamic political thought. Each political thinker will be studied through his environment and clarifying his participation in the field.

P236- International Law (Arabic)

The Course deals with the definition of public international law, the state in the international legal system, issues like national borders, recognition of states and governments, international responsibility, international treaties.

P203- Research Methods (Arabic)

P237- Contemporary Arab Political Thought Optional (Arabic)

This course deals with political thought in the Arab region since the establishment of the Arab League until nowadays, but it also sheds the light on the most important attitudes since the great Arab revolution in 1916 which are represented in three main attitudes: the nationalist attitude, the liberal attitude, the socialist attitude, and the Islamic attitude. The study also deals with issues like identity, renaissance, renewing, the relationship between state and religion, democracy, human rights.

P238- Contemporary Political Ideologies Optional (Arabic)

The course studies definition of ideology and its relationship and other concept such as political thought, political theory, and political doctrines. The course also deals with western liberalism, Marxism, socialism, nationalism, Fascism, Nazism, radicalism and the third way.

P239- Human Rights Optional (Arabic)

The course deals with human rights from a political science perspective through discussing human rights and its religious and philosophical bases, human rights dimensions: political, civil, economic, social, cultural, collective and how they are interrelated. It also discusses the international dimension represented in international and regional organizations being governmental or non-governmental, and foreign policies. Finally the obstacles that face respecting human rights and how to overcome these obstacles.

For (Political Science & Economics & Statistics)

P231- Egyptian Political System (Arabic)

The course aims at studying: the history of the Egyptian political system since Mohamed Ali till the 1952 revolution, then studying in detail the period since the revolution till the present through concentrating on the characteristics of this system since adopting plurality of party system in Nov.1976, the roles played by political parties, organizing the legislative, executive and judicial authorities, the states of military institution. How the Egyptian political system succeeded in confronting political transformation issues such as participation, distribution, identity and legitimacy.

Public Opinion For Statistics Specialization (Arabic)

Third Level

For Political Science Specialization

First term

P331- Political Theory(1) (Arabic / English / French)

The syllabus includes defining political theory and different trends in studying it, and defining research methods in political theory especially speech analysis, critical analysis of concepts and rules of argumentation in political theory. Then there's a thorough study of some major issues such as power and the state, and empirical political theory.

P333- International Organization (Arabic / English/ French)

The course includes definition of international organization; its inception, with a special concentration on the United Nations; its history, its institutions, its rules, its rules in global issues. The course also studies some regional organizations such as the Arab League.

P334-History of International Relations (Arabic / English / French)

P335-Western political systems (English / French)

P301- Research Methods(2) (Arabic)

Student must select one of the following topics:

1. Asian Political Systems.
2. Egyptian Political Studies.
3. Political Systems in Latin America.

Second Term

P332- Political Theory (2) (Arabic / English / French)

The course includes studying values in political theory, then discussing some political values, such as freedom, equality, justice, and order. The course also includes studying some major schools in normative political theory such as liberalism and socialism, and issues like citizenship and political commitment.

P336- Political Development (English / French)

P330- Constitutional Law (Arabic)

Teaching this course will empower students with legal and political dimensions of constitutional law through: defining sources of constitutional law, inception and end of constitutions, types of constitution, monitoring laws constitutionality, public rights and freedom.

P337- International Economic Organizations **Optional (Arabic)**

This course aims at studying the theme of international economic organization through presenting the experiences of some international economic organizations being global or regional. The most important global organizations are those managing the world economy: the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, and the GATT.

These organizations will be analyzed through their legal charter, their structure, their objectives, their systems of voting. For the regional international organizations the study includes the European Union, the Asian organizations, COMESA.

P338- Political Sociology **Optional (Arabic)**

This course includes defining political sociology as a science, its main topics and research methodology. The main theories in the field and the founding fathers like Talcot Parsons, Max Weber, Karl Marx and Ibn Khaldoun. Defining the main concepts such as ethnic group, class, social

structure, power distribution, social determinants of political behavior, ethnic conflicts.

P339- Strategic Studies **Optional** (Arabic)

The course defines strategy, then it discusses the evolution of the strategic studies in politics, and types of strategies. The course also concentrates on strategic planning, the process of the strategic decision making, then the implementation of this decision. The course studies also strategic balance, strategic stability, and strategic change. Then there're some applied cases for security strategies, defense, conflict management, crisis management, deterrence, using power, cooperation, and arms control.

P302- Research Methods(3) (Arabic)

Student must select one of the following topics:

1. Culture in World Politics.
2. Women and Politics.
3. Science and Technology.

Fourth Level

For Political Science Specialization

First Term

P431.Foreign Policy Theory (English/ Arabic)

The course deals with concepts and methodological tools in foreign policy field. Hence, it studies definition of foreign policy, distinguishing between it and other concepts. It also deals with national characteristics, political system, external variables, psychological environment of a political leader, and decision-making process in foreign policy.

P432- Political System in Arab World (Arabic)

P433- Political Systems in Africa (English)

This course aims at defining Africa in all basic types of political systems. This includes environmental and historical elements of the continent, its traditional political systems, imperialist types and its effect in forming nationality phenomenon and policies of post-independence. The course discusses party systems, the military institutions, and democratic transformation in Africa.

P434- Public Opinion (Arabic / English)

The course discusses different theories concerning public opinion and media especially in the south. First it defines the concept of public opinion, its determinants, its inception, ways of affecting it, how to measure it. Then defining media and communication theory, systems of communication, and roles of media in development. Finally discussing the international dimension of media institutions.

Second Term

P436- Contemporary International Issues (Arabic/ English)

The course defines an international problem and ways of study. General characteristics of international problem, analyzing them through their sources, The department at beginning of the academic year determines the international issues and problem that will handle through the semester.

P435- Diplomatic and Consular Systems (English / French)

This course includes history of diplomacy in ancient ages (Pharaonic, Greek, Roman), in medieval ages, and in recent ages. The diplomatic function (legal basis, hiring heads of diplomatic missions and their members, mixed diplomacy, responsibilities of the diplomat, establishing and ending a mission).The course also discusses the history of consular systems, formation of consulates, types of consuls, immunities of consulates, difference between consults and diplomatic representatives.

P401- The Arab World in World Politics **Optional (Arabic)**

The course studies the Arab world position in world politics and the policies of major powers such as the U.S.A. and Western Europe towards the Arab world.

P402- Africa in World Politics **Optional (Arabic)**

Studying this course will empower political science students with issues that are related to Africa states in the world order on theoretical and actual levels. The course is divided into three sections. The first section deals with the roles played by the international and regional dimensions in affecting African affairs, especially issues of conditionality, marginalization, security, sovereignty, regional blocks. The second section deals with implementing theoretical visions and attitudes on different regions in the continent according to the traits and characteristics of each region, peace keeping processes settling regional disputes through the role of the United Nations, African Union and sub regional blocks. The third section studies democracy,

civil society, and human rights in Africa, and how these concepts can be applied in the African context.

P405- Arab Israel Conflict **Optional** (Arabic/ English)

This course shed the light on the roots of the Arab-Israel conflict, and searches for its causes and element that led to its developing into armed confrontations before the start of peaceful settlement attempts. As the conflict is complicated and has many parties involved through a century, the phases of armed crises in 1948, 1956, 1967, 1973, crises in south Lebanon. The course also deals with phases of peaceful settlement specially those led to signing agreements of Camp David, Araba Valley, and Oslo.

P404- Comparative Foreign Policies **Optional** (Arabic / English)

This course depends on what have been discussed in foreign policy course, as it deals with foreign policies of some major powers (the U.S.A., the European Union, China, Japan, Russia,...etc), and Egypt.