

# Political Science



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### **6734/Regional and International Organizations**

Credit Hours: 3 (Theoretical: 3, Practical: 0)

Prerequisite:

This course deals with international and regional organizations. It is concerned with the justifications for their establishment, functions, location, and role in resolving regional and international conflicts. The course focuses on studying the United Nations organizations and their affiliated agencies, UNESCO, the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation, the Arab League, and other active regional and international organizations in the Palestinian and regional arena

### **6732/Comparative Political Systems**

Credit Hours: 3 (Theoretical: 3, Practical: 0)

**Prerequisite:**

This course focuses on addressing and detecting the similarities and differences of the political phenomenon of the current governments' patterns, the main concepts of the state and political sector, and topics related to the three governmental authorities; legislative, executive and judiciary, governmental political institutions, political parties, pressure groups, and public opinion. This course also reviews the different political system theories using dynamic analysis. It also aims to deepen the latest cognitive concepts of studying the comparative political systems through criticism, research, analysis, discussion, knowledge, and comparing some systems in modern and contemporary times. Moreover, this course reviews the applied part, which is based on comparing the political systems in some Arab countries, Europe, the USA, Russia, and China.

**6738/The Palestinian Political System**

Credit Hours: 3 (Theoretical: 3, Practical: 0)

**Prerequisite:**

This course is based on the study of the Palestinian political system in terms of its origin and development of constitutional life and the study of its institutions. This course compares the Palestinian system with other types of political systems, such as the parliamentary system, the presidential system, and the mixed system.

**6726/Western Political Thought**

Credit Hours: 3 (Theoretical: 3, Practical: 0)

**Prerequisite:**

This course aims to introduce Western political thought in terms of concept and origin. It also aims to show the development of Western political thought since the emergence of the nation-state and the stages of capitalism and socialism, with the West's economic, social, and cultural development. The course helps students become familiar with contemporary Western political currents and their relevance to contemporary Western political thought, especially the ideas of Machiavelli, Thomas Hobbes, John Locke, Hegel, and Karl Marx. It also discusses contemporary Western political currents and the most important intellectual attempts to understand the nature of changes in the new world order

**6727/Geopolitics**

Credit Hours: 3 (Theoretical: 3, Practical: 0)

**Prerequisite:**

This course seeks to study geopolitics, a term that applies primarily to the influence of geography on politics, and the link between political geography and geographical research methods. It is the science of studying the impact of the land (land, sea, heights, underground, wealth, and location) on politics and the benefit of politics from this relationship for the future. This course aims to increase the student's knowledge of how to evaluate geopolitical issues and increase their analytical ability to understand foreign policy

**6728/Political Thought and Political Philosophy**

Credit Hours: 3 (Theoretical: 3, Practical: 0)

**Prerequisite:**

This course focuses on creating and developing political theories and thought starting from the Greek, Roman, and Islamic era until now. Moreover, this course addresses the political philosophy topics, including freedom, justice, ownership, rights, law, authorities, application of the law, and separation of powers

### **6215/Economical and social politics analysis in Palestine**

Credit Hours: 3 (Theoretical: 3, Practical: 0)

Prerequisite: 0/6202

This course discusses the most important policies that define the economic and social features of the Palestinian environment. It identifies the mechanism of public policy-making in the economic and social field, the actors influencing the process of making these policies, and the most important problems of public policymakers. The course also deals with the role of NGOs, the private sector, and citizens in making and drawing those policies and the mechanisms for implementation and evaluation. The course also introduces practical economic and social policies cases from the reality of the Palestinian environment

### **6745/Thesis ( 2 )**

Credit Hours: 3 (Theoretical: 0, Practical: 3)

Prerequisite: 0/6744

This course aims to prepare the student for a master's thesis in one of the topics related to the specialization under the supervision of a specialized professor. Finally, the students present and discuss their defense in front of an audience

### **6731/Advanced Studies in the Palestinian Cause**

Credit Hours: 3 (Theoretical: 3, Practical: 0)

Prerequisite:

This course focuses on the history of the contemporary and modern Palestinian cause starting from the Ottoman era through the British Mandate and the establishment of the Palestinian Authority. It also addresses the Zionist movement and the reasons behind its difference from other colonial movements. It reviews the Zionist movement from its creation until the establishment of the Israel State and the connotations and developments of Israel's presence in the Arab and Islamic world and wars. It also addresses the Palestinian refugee issue, the Palestinian cause's future under the existence of a Palestinian body on some of the Palestinian lands, and the Palestinian liberation uprisings against the occupation.

### **6730/Diplomacy and International Relations**

Credit Hours: 3 (Theoretical: 3, Practical: 0)

Prerequisite:

The course studies the work of diplomacy and its role in the field of supporting international relations, addressing the affairs of interest to countries, and discussing the most important solutions to reconcile divergent viewpoints and conflicting interests, settling differences, and solving problems in international relations. The course highlights the definition and application of public diplomacy in the twenty-first century and the relationship of diplomacy to the concepts of public relations and campaigns. It also addresses the principles of negotiations, the foundations of negotiation

management, the various theories related to the negotiation process, negotiation strategy and tactics, and special case studies.

### **6735/Regional and International Political Clusters**

Credit Hours: 3 (Theoretical: 3, Practical: 0)

Prerequisite:

The course defines the division of clusters in the world in terms of their forms: military, economic, political, religious, linguistic, and comprehensive clusters. It also provides a definition of the goals and objectives of major clusters and large groups. The course also provides a view of the most important ways for regional, continental, or international cluster continuity and success

### **6733/Theories of International Relations**

Credit Hours: 3 (Theoretical: 3, Practical: 0)

Prerequisite:

The course addresses the basic theories of international relations. It reviews developments in the international political system, discusses the main schools of thought, and helps understand international political behavior within the acclaimed power theories, the balance of power, organization, decision-making, strategic theories, economic and psychological theories, communication, and taking the initiative. The course aims to enable, understand and analyze current trends in the international arena by identifying the nature of the international community and the relations between states.

### **6739/Studies in Diplomacy, the Art of Negotiation and Conflict Re**

Credit Hours: 3 (Theoretical: 3, Practical: 0)

Prerequisite:

The course deals with diplomacy's development, diversity, and change during different historical eras. It also deals with the concept of conflict and its relationship to a number of concepts, types of conflict, and peaceful and diplomatic methods of conflict resolution. It focuses on studying and understanding the mechanisms of peaceful diplomacy to resolve disputes between states, which are represented in negotiations, good intentions, mediation, investigation, documentation, and arbitration, and its role in restoring relations between states to their nature. The course introduces the most important strategic dimensions and influencing factors to human behavior and negotiating personality patterns.

### **6736/Democratic Transitions in the Arab World**

Credit Hours: 3 (Theoretical: 3, Practical: 0)

Prerequisite:

This course deals with the existing systems in the Arab world and compares them in terms of the practice of democracy, both its form and content. It also deals with democratic transformations in the Arab world. It also aims to emphasize the necessity of providing the elements of democratic life such as development, social justice, and widening the margin of public freedoms, human rights, and equality.

**6737/Political Parties and Movements in Palestine**

Credit Hours: 3 (Theoretical: 3, Practical: 0)

Prerequisite:

This course aims to provide a holistic view of contemporary political parties and movements as a major and essential part of the system of governance that the Palestinian political bill introduced to achieve the principle of accountability and the peaceful transfer of power. The course focuses on studying the most important political parties and movements operating in the Palestinian arena in terms of their origin, program, and political vision. The course also clarifies the Palestinian Basic Law and its texts, emphasizing that Palestine's government system is a representative democratic system based on political and partisan pluralism.

**6729/Methods of Scientific Research in Political Science**

Credit Hours: 3 (Theoretical: 3, Practical: 0)

Prerequisite:

This course focuses on the methodological issues and basic and applied theory in political sciences and combines qualitative and quantitative analysis. This course also focuses on the scientific methodology to study the political sciences, facts of incidents (chronicles), methods of gathering the information, ethics of research, selecting and designing research, and methods of writing and analyzing reports on an accurate methodological scientific basis. This course aims to train students on event political analysis.

**6224/International and public relations**

Credit Hours: 3 (Theoretical: 3, Practical: 0)

Prerequisite:

This course deals with the basic concepts of public relations, their development, and their importance as a practice and application and not just theorizing. It also tackles communication in public relations, the role of public relations in crisis management, and the institution's advancement. The course also deals with international relations in terms of communication and networking with international institutions. It also deals with the role of public relations staff with the help of an external consultant and a set of topics of a nature related to public relations work, including: external media programs, offensive media programs, defensive media programs, programs to address rumors and false propaganda, programs for receiving and responding to complaints, crisis programs, and emergency problems

**6744/Thesis ( 1 )**

Credit Hours: 3 (Theoretical: 0, Practical: 3)

Prerequisite:

This is the first part out of two parts, where students prepare a research proposal and submit it to the program committee for review and feedback. During this course, there are individual meetings appointed between students and their supervisors

**6740/Managing Election Campaigns and Shaping Public Opinion**

Credit Hours: 3 (Theoretical: 3, Practical: 0)

Prerequisite:

The course talks about the concept of electoral campaigns and their characteristics, such as campaigns, polarization, spreading propaganda, protest propaganda, and integration propaganda. It also interprets and discusses some models and forms of electoral campaigns, such as the constitutional model associated with presidential, legislative, and municipal elections, and the closed model associated with professional, union, and party elections. The course tackles the factors and importance of shaping public opinion, its characteristics and methods of changing it, and the international situation and its impact on the formation of public opinion.

**6743/Seminar for Master Thesis**

Credit Hours: 3 (Theoretical: 3, Practical: 0)

Prerequisite: 0/6729

The course aims to identify the concept of public policy. It helps students know and analyze the decisions taken by the state, which are often in the form of plans, laws, or programs. The course also deals with how public policies in the state are linked to influential forces, interests, and networks at the local, regional and international levels.