



Central International University-CIU

Diversity Learning Institute-DLI

Twikatane e.V Germany

Skills Curriculum/Syllabus

Course Duration: 6 months

Course: Political Science and Good Governance

Whats is Political Science and Governance?

Political Science is an academic discipline that studies political systems, institutions, processes, and behavior. It examines the theories, ideologies, and practices related to politics and government. Political scientists analyze and explore topics such as political power, governance structures, policy-making, political behavior, international relations, and the dynamics of political systems.

Governance, on the other hand, refers to the way in which power is exercised and decisions are made within societies. It encompasses the processes, institutions, and actors involved in governing and managing public affairs. Governance extends beyond formal government structures and includes non-state actors, civil society organizations, and international institutions.

Political Science and Governance is an interdisciplinary field that combines the study of political science with a focus on understanding and analyzing governance processes and structures. It examines the theories, practices, and challenges related to

governance at various levels, including local, national, and international contexts. The field explores topics such as democratic governance, public policy, public administration, political institutions, political economy, comparative politics, and international governance.

Overall, Political Science and Governance aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of political systems, governance mechanisms, and their impact on societies. It helps in developing analytical skills, critical thinking, and a deep understanding of the complexities of politics and governance in order to contribute to informed decision-making, policy analysis, and effective governance practices.

Course Objectives

The objectives of the course "Political Science and Governance" are as follows:

1. Develop an understanding of political systems: The course aims to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of different political systems, their structures, functions, and mechanisms.
2. Analyze political ideologies and theories: Students will explore various political ideologies and theories to gain insights into the ideas and concepts that shape political thought and practice.
3. Examine the principles of governance: The course focuses on studying the principles of governance, including accountability, transparency, participation, and the rule of law, and their significance in effective governance.
4. Explore the role of institutions and actors: Students will learn about the roles and functions of political institutions, such as legislatures, executives, and judiciaries, as well as the influence of political actors, including political parties, interest groups, and civil society organizations.
5. Understand policy-making processes: The course aims to familiarize students with the processes involved in policy-making, including agenda setting, formulation, implementation, and evaluation.
6. Study political behavior and citizen engagement: Students will examine political behavior, including voting patterns, public opinion, and social movements, and analyze the ways in which citizens engage in political processes.
7. Analyze power dynamics and political change: The course seeks to develop an understanding of power dynamics within societies and how political change occurs through factors such as elections, social movements, and revolutions.

8. Enhance critical thinking and analytical skills: Through the course, students will develop critical thinking and analytical skills to assess political phenomena, evaluate arguments, and analyze empirical data.
9. Foster an understanding of global politics and international relations: Students will explore the dynamics of global politics, including international relations, diplomacy, and global governance, to understand the interconnectedness of political systems.
10. Promote ethical and responsible citizenship: The course aims to instill values of ethical and responsible citizenship, emphasizing the importance of civic engagement, respect for human rights, and social responsibility.

These objectives are designed to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of political science and governance, equipping them with knowledge, analytical skills, and values necessary for informed and active participation in political processes.

A) Syllabus Outline:

Module 1: Introduction to Political Science and Good Governance

- Duration: 20 hours

Module 2: Theoretical Foundations of Political Science

- Duration: 30 hours

Module 3: Comparative Politics and Government Systems

- Duration: 40 hours

Module 4: Democracy and Democratization Processes

- Duration: 50 hours

Module 5: Public Administration and Policy Making

- Duration: 40 hours

Module 6: Political Economy and Development

- Duration: 50 hours

Module 7: International Relations and Global Governance

- Duration: 40 hours

Module 8: Ethics, Accountability, and Transparency in Governance

- Duration: 30 hours

Module 9: Leadership and Decision-Making in Politics

- Duration: 40 hours

Module 10: Research Methods and Data Analysis in Political Science

- Duration: 30 hours