COURSE DETAILS

Master' Degree

80712 Research Methodology in Political Science

(6 credits)

Objectives

Students will be able to understand, analyze, and apply different research methods, including qualitative, quantitative, and mixed methods, in designing a research project in political sciences.

Course Description

The course examines the philosophical foundations underlying methods of political observation and the design of qualitative and quantitative research instruments to test theories and hypotheses. It also studies the process of forming research questions, conducting data collection, data sourcing, participant sampling, analyzing and interpreting results, and the writing of research papers using qualitative, quantitative, and mixed research methods.

81711 Thai Politics and Government

(6 credits)

Objectives

- 1. To construct understanding and knowledge about the evolution of Thai politics, governments and political concepts as well as institutions, methods and Thai political behavior;
- 2. To study and analyze the problems of the development of politics and governments in Thai democracy;
- 3. To present strategies for constructing Thai political creativity by applying theories and methods that students have to study.

Course description

This course encourages students to analyze the evolution of Thai politics and governments after guiding them to learn about concepts of Thai politics; institutions and the political process. In addition, this course also provides knowledge that helps students to understand problems of Thai political development in order to encourage them to find strategies to develop Thai politics.

81712 Political and Social Concepts

(6 credits)

Objectives

- 1. To be able to analyze and compare important political and social concepts.
- 2. To be able to apply political and social concepts in the studying field and to analyze Thai political problems at the national and regional levels.
- 3. To apply the studied body of knowledge in order to suggest solutions for Thai political and social matters.

Course description

This course aims at helping students to familiarize with important political and social concepts so that they can analyze, compare and apply those concepts as their explanatory framework when study various political problems. These problems include relations between the sovereign state and the people, the use of state power in policy-setting agendas and related impacts upon the society and people's way of life, and the impacts generated by the spread of the people's self-governing power. This course also encourages students to consider applying their knowledge to case studies so that they might analyses socio-political problems in Thailand and other key countries more effectively.

81713 Political Analysis

(6 credits)

Objectives

- 1. Students will be able to have a comprehensible understanding of different political concepts and theories, as well as their historical development and application throughout the history.
- 2. Students will be able to analyze and compare different political concepts and theories within various contexts.

Course description

This course discusses the body of knowledge in social sciences and the application of such knowledge for analyzing and understanding political actions under various given constraints and circumstances. This includes key concepts and theories such as political philosophy, political institutions, governmental development, power, political factions, political models and systems, political economy, and other contemporary concepts, e.g., human rights, multiculturalism, and political ecology.

82711 Comparative Local Politics and Government

(6 credits)

Objectives

- 1. To study concepts and theory of comparative local politics and government;
- 2. To study and analyze the comparative local politics and government in other key countries.

Course Description

Not only does this course guide students to study and analyze concepts and theories about local politics and government. It also encourages students to study comparative analysis of local politics and government in significant countries e.g., England, Japan, and South Korea.

82712 Civil Society and Local Community

(6 credits)

Objectives

- 1. To construct knowledge and understanding about theories and concepts in civil society domestically and internationally;
- 2. To study, analyze and apply concepts and theories about civil society and local community so that students can help the society deeply develop strong local communities.

Course Description

This course aims at providing student with knowledge regarding theories and/or concepts related to civil society and local communities. The knowledge provided by this course also includes the relationship between government sectors and the people, problems embedded in civil society and local communities, and case studies to encourage student to see the mentioned problems more clearly.

82713 Seminar in Local Politics and Government Issues

(6 credits)

Objectives

- 1. To analyze and discuss the important issues regarding local politics and government.
- 2. To encourage students to apply studied concepts as a framework when analyze important problems regarding local politics and government.

Course Description

This course encourages students to apply concepts and theories regarding local politics and government as an analytical framework to contemporary problems concerning local politics and government. Additionally, this course also discusses observations and the ways to find appropriate solutions for international local politics, local politics and government problems.

82714 Principles and Approaches to Local Politics Analysis

(6 credits)

Objectives

Students will gain insights into the principles and approaches in analyzing local politics and be able to apply such knowledge in analyzing local politics in their respective contexts.

Course Description

Students will gain insights into the principles and approaches in analyzing local politics and be able to apply such knowledge in analyzing local politics in their respective contexts.

82715 Seminar in City and Metropolitan Politics

(6 credits)

Objectives

- 1. Students will be able to analyze and discuss important issues in city and metropolitan politics.
- 2. Students will be able to use the concepts regarding city and metropolitan politics as frameworks in analyzing critical issues relating to city and metropolitan politics.

Course Description

This course focuses on equipping the student with skills in applying relevant political concepts in analyzing key and critical issues in contemporary city and metropolitan politics for the purpose of having an open discussion for developing appropriate solutions. As a case study, students are required to do observation field work in a city or a metropolitan area, either locally or abroad.

83711 Comparative Politics and Government

(6 credits)

Objectives

- 1. To have understanding about concepts, background and scope of knowledge covering comparative politics and government.
- 2. To understand and be able to apply the theories and learnt approaches of comparative politics and government to political analysis.
- 3. To enhance students' political analyzing skills that might be applied comparatively to political phenomena and problems regarding government.

Course Description

The course mainly aims at providing knowledge regarding concepts, theories in comparative politics, background and scope of studies for comparative politics and government. Approaches and methods provided by this course appeared as the following: a structural approach, a system analysis approach, a political cultural approach, a political development approach, a group approach and a high society approach. Additionally, this course encourages students to seriously consider comparison of political systems in terms of legitimacy, efficiency, and effectiveness, so that they will have clear ideas regarding the evolution of political phenomena, system and system as studied in the field of comparative politics.

83713 Globalization and International Impacts

(6 credits)

Objectives

- 1. Students will be able to analyze and synthesize the concepts and evolution of international trends leading up to globalization which have been affecting the perceptions and ways of lives of the people in societies on various levels both locally and worldwide.
- 2. Students will be able to synthesize concepts relating to international trends and globalization in preparing a number of resolutions or counter measures to address current problems brought by globalization.

Course Description

The course focuses on analyzing and synthesizing concepts relating to the evolution of globalization which have affected the lives and perceptions of people from all walks of life to seek resolutions through cooperation and/or solutions to the problems brought about by the very process of globalization.

83714 Development Process and Alternative Approaches

(6 credits)

Objectives

- 1. Students will learn the overall concepts and details of the development process in multiple dimensions.
- 2. Students will be able to analyze and synthesize the concepts of development in multiple dimensions.

Course Description

The course covers general concepts relating to development and its structures, processes, methods, and contexts. The course also focuses on conditions and factors surrounding public policies associated with political developments, economic growth, and societal improvement. The course discussions address the development strategies of notable countries, the discourse of progress, and the development choices.

83715 Political Communication and Political Dynamic

(6 credits)

Objectives

- 1. To study and analyze political communication systems, process and behaviors in political communication and the impact of political dynamics.
- 2. To be able to apply concepts and to develop various techniques in the process of political communication.
- 3. To be able to apply synthesize knowledge to analyze problems regarding political communication and the impact of political dynamics in order to present solutions for the mentioned problems.

Course Description

Students registering for this course will learn about political communication system, processes and behaviors in political communication, concepts regarding political communication as a science for studying. After that they will learn more about political communication in practice including behavior of political communication in depth, organizations and institutions related to political communication process at local, national and international levels, political communication techniques and cases studies for political communication to impact of political dynamics.

83791 Thesis

(12 credits)

Objectives

- 1. To be able to select research problems for a thesis.
- 2. To be able to survey and analyze literature related to the thesis.
- 3. To be able to design research for the thesis.
- 4. To gain knowledge and skill in writing and presenting the thesis proposal.
- 5. To be able to develop quantitative research tools.
- 6. To be able to develop qualitative research tools.
- 7. To be able to collect, analyze, and present data for the thesis.
- 8. To be able to present and defend the thesis examination.
- 9. To be able to write the complete thesis report.
- 10. To be able to write the research report for publication.

Course Description

Selection of the research problem; survey and analysis of relevant literature; research design; writing and presenting a thesis proposal; tool development for thesis research, both quantitative and qualitative research; data collection; thesis data presentation; thesis presentation and examination defending; writing the complete thesis report; writing the research report for publication.

83792 Independent Study

(6 credits)

Objectives

To be able to survey and research a political science topic that interests the student.

Course Description

This course encourages student to independently select an issue for study and research. Then student will have to write their research proposals, survey and review related literature, before proceeding to collecting and analyzing data, then writing their research reports. A

83795 Graduate Professional Experience in Political Science

(6 credits)

Objectives

- 1. Students will be able to gain additional knowledge and experience via participating in the longdistant learning broadcasting system.
- 2. Students will develop problem-solving skills in political sciences at a local, national, and international levels.
- 3. Students will develop leadership skills in political science professions.
- 4. Students will display teamwork skills.
- 5. Students will obtain a stronger sense of virtue, ethics, and professionalism relating to political sciences careers.

Course Description

The course is aimed at enhancing students' ability to apply theories in politics and governance, including local governance, through case studies. Students are to take this opportunity to also developing desirable attitudes and characteristics befitting the profession, cultivating leadership skills as well as skills in teamwork, fostering professional connections, and obtaining a stronger sense of virtue, ethics, and professionalism relating to political sciences careers.

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