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DESCRIPTOR OF THE STUDY FIELD OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

CHAPTER I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. The Descriptor of the study field of Political Science (hereinafter referred to as the Descriptor) shall govern the special requirements applied to the study programmes of the study field of Political Science.

2. The Descriptor has been prepared in accordance with the Law on Higher Education and Research of the Republic of Lithuania, taking into account Resolution No 535 of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania of 4 May 2010 “On the Approval of the Descriptor of the Lithuanian Qualifications Framework”, Order No V-2212 of the Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania of 21 November 2011 “On the Approval of the Descriptor of Study Cycles”, Order No V-501 of the Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania of 9 April 2010 “On the Approval of the Descriptor of General Requirements for Degree-Awarding First Cycle and Integrated Study Programmes”, Order No V-826 of the Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania of 3 June 2010 “On the Approval of the Descriptor of General Requirements for Master’s Study Programmes”, Order No V-2463 of the Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania of 15 December 2011 “On the Approval of Recommendations for Developing the Descriptor of a Study Field or Study Fields”, specialised publications initiated by the European Confederation of Political Science Associations (ECPSS), the European Policy Research Consortium (EPRC), the American Political Science Association (APSA) and study descriptors of Politics and International Relations prepared by different countries.

3. Study programmes of the study field of Political Science may be carried out only in universities. The Descriptor shall be applied to the first and second cycle university studies of the study field of Political Science.

4. This Descriptor aims to:

4.1. Inform the developers of study programmes of Political Science and the academic community about the most important elements of curriculum of study programmes of the study field of Political Science and encourage their development;

4.2. Assist higher education institutions in designing, implementing and assessing programmes;

4.3. Inform students, the academic community and social partners about the acquired education of the study field of Political Science;

4.4. Give guidelines experts who assess the study programmes of the study field of Political Science;

4.5. Define the specifics of the studies of Political Science.

5. First cycle university study programmes of the study field of Political Science, which are designed to convey basic knowledge of Political Science to students, may be used for:

5.1. Exclusively to studies of political sciences, which lead to Bachelor's degree in Political Science;

5.2. Two-field studies – study field of Political Science and minor studies set by the higher education institution and/or elected by the student – leading to a double Bachelor's degree of the study field of Political Science and a minor study field;

5.3. First cycle university study programmes may also provide for a possibility to provide a double Bachelor's degree of the main field (branch) and a minor study field in Political Science. In this case, the scope of minor studies of Political Science shall be at least 60 credits. Upon completion of minor studies of Political Science, the learning outcomes referred to in Clause 35 of this Descriptor shall be achieved.

6. Persons with at least secondary education shall be enrolled to first cycle study programmes of the study field of Political Science in an enrolment contest, taking into account their learning outcomes, entrance examinations or other criteria established by the higher education institution. Higher education institutions shall establish a list of competitive subjects by field of study and principles for the award of contest points, the lowest possible entrance grade and other criteria, having received the assessment of student representation, and publish them no later than 2 years preceding the start of the school year.

7. The Bachelor's degree in Political Science may also be granted in the cases where a higher education institution organises the study process in the way that students can attain Bachelor's degrees of two different fields (branches) studying two parallel study programmes. In this case, at least 165 credits shall consist of one-field study subjects (modules), and a minimum of 135 credits shall consist of the second-field study subjects (modules) that do not coincide with them, provided that other study subjects (modules) of both fields are the same.

8. Upon successful completion of the first cycle study programme of the study field of Political Science the Bachelor's degree in Political Science is granted, which corresponds to the sixth level of the Lithuanian Qualifications Framework and the European Qualifications Framework for Lifelong Learning.

9. Second cycle university studies of the study field of Political Science are designed to prepare for independent research work, which requires theoretical and methodological knowledge in Political Science and skills to apply them.

10. It is recommended to enrol persons to the second cycle studies of the study field of Political Science who have completed:

10.1. First cycle university studies of the study field of Political Science and meet other requirements established by the higher education institution;

10.2. First cycle university studies of other study fields pertaining to the group of social study fields, supplementary studies (if necessary upon the decision of a higher education institution) and meet other requirements established by that higher education institution;

10.3. First cycle university studies of other study fields (not pertaining to the group of political science or social study fields), supplementary studies (if necessary upon the decision of a higher education institution) and meet other requirements established by that higher education institution.

11. In the cases specified in Clauses 11.2 and 11.3 hereof, a higher education institution may decide that a person enrolled to the study programme of the second cycle studies of Political Science needs supplementary studies. Supplementary studies for students being enrolled to Master studies of Political Science may be organised, where Political Science is not the major or minor study field of the first cycle university studies completed by the enrolled students. The list of supplementary study subjects, the curriculum and scope of studies shall be determined by a higher education institution, in accordance with the following requirements:

11.1. The scope of supplementary studies shall not exceed 60 credits, where the study field of completed first cycle studies of the enrolled student belongs to the group of social study fields;

11.2. The scope of supplementary studies shall not exceed 90 credits, where the study field of completed first cycle studies of the enrolled student does not belong to the group of social study fields;

11.3. first cycle university studies of other study fields (not pertaining to the group of Political Science or social study fields), supplementary studies (if necessary upon the decision of a higher education institution) and meet other requirements established by that higher education institution.

12. If a higher education institution decides that a person intending to study Master's degree political science lacks knowledge and skills than may be provided by supplementary studies, he/she shall gain that knowledge and skills by studying the first cycle university study programme of Political Science.

13. A higher education institution may establish other additional (both permanent and temporary) requirements for persons enrolled to Master's degree study programmes of Political Science: minimal first cycle achievement level (minimal average of all or some of the grades), some necessary research or professional work experience and other academic, competence or professional requirements. Enrolment shall be carried out according to a pre-announced selection criteria and priorities.

14. Upon successful completion of second cycle study programme of the study field of Political Science the Master's degree in Political Science is granted, which corresponds to the seventh level of the Lithuanian Qualifications Framework and the European Qualifications Framework for Lifelong Learning.

CHAPTER II

CONCEPT AND SCOPE OF THE STUDY FIELD

15. Object of Political Science is a special sphere of public life – politics and associated relations, processes, structures, organisations, institutions and problems.

16. Political Science is closely related to other social and humanities (law, economics, sociology, anthropology, history, philosophy, etc.).

17. Studies of Political Science must reveal the complexity of political phenomena in their change at all levels (individual, societal, local, national, international, regional and global). Policy interpretation and understanding must have a variety of theoretical approaches and discussions, and research shall be based on the application and/or coordination of different methodologies. Political Science is characterised by interdisciplinarity and multidisciplinary.

18. The study field of Political Science shall consist of the following branches: political science methodology and methods, political theory, comparative politics (political systems and constitutionalism, studies of parliamentary, executive, political parties, elections (psephology), interest groups, organisations, etc.), international relations (international politics, security, war studies (polemology), peace studies (irenology), geopolitics, foreign policy analysis, strategic studies, etc.), area and nation-states studies, public administration, and public policy.

19. There are such interdisciplinary studies as political anthropology, political economy, political philosophy, political geography, political history, political communication, political psychology, political sociology and more.

20. Studies of Political Science shall convey both close relationship between political science and other social and humanitarian sciences, as well as a variety of curriculum of political science and methodologies – from the history of political ideas to contemporary political decisions and process analysis.

21. Political Science is characterised by a large diversity of research strategies and applied methods. For their own purposes, they use different qualitative, quantitative and mixed methods of social and humanitarian sciences. Study programmes of Political Science shall reflect this diversity and familiarise the students with different research methods of politics.

22. Graduates, having completed the study programme of Political Science, can work as specialists of different types – experts, advisers, consultants, analysts; they may hold positions at all levels of public administration institutions, public and private businesses, non-governmental organisations. They may also work as policy analysts and commentators in the media, to pursue a professional career international organisations – as well as to become high school teachers and researchers or to participate directly in political processes, to seek a political career in public and political organisations, political parties, and become politicians that are well-prepared for their mission.

23. Taking into account the specifics of the object of Political Science and the accumulated international and national experiences in the development of political research and study programmes, it is recommended to achieve that study programmes of Political Science:

23.1. Focus on the themes pertaining to the political expression in various forms of public organisations (local communities, countries, regions, international arena) and separate fields of activity;

23.2. Ensure that students receive the most important knowledge about political phenomena and be familiarised with the basic methodological schools, theories and research methods explaining them, as well as learn to analyse, compare and evaluate those phenomena independently;

23.3. Assist them in understanding the dynamics of political science and its constant need to innovate and explore new means and ways to study, understand and explain the politics;

23.4. Encourage students to link academic studies of political phenomena with topical social problems, and the studied theories – with the practice, to apply the acquired knowledge and skills in solving specific local, national, regional and international political development issues;

23.5. Help students acquire not only academic knowledge, but also the broader intellectual and social skills needed for their further intellectual, professional and personal activities, and the need to constantly develop and improve them;

23.6. Create a learning environment where students are respected, taking into account their needs, where they are encouraged to make full use of their potential.

CHAPTER III

SPECIAL AND GENERAL LEARNING OUTCOMES

24. Studies should create conditions for the use of knowledge, their understanding and practical skills. A student, studying Political Science, shall develop research, special, social and personal skills that will be needed in order to perceive the essence of the politics, its complexity and change at all levels (individual, societal, local, national, international, regional and global).

25. Learning outcomes presented in this Descriptor specify what learning outcomes students should achieve by studying, but specific objectives and the learning outcomes of the study programme depend on the higher education institution.

26. Professional activities of specialists prepared in the study programmes of the first and second cycle studies of Political Science shall be based on a set of knowledge, skills and values, but the profiles of specialists of Political Science prepared during Master's studies shall be different in respect of acquired skills and abilities.

27. Upon completion of the first cycle studies of the study field of Political Science, the graduates should have achieved the following learning outcomes:

27.1. Knowledge and its application:

27.1.1. Understanding of the nature of politics as a special sphere of public life, its significance and national, European, international and global dimensions;

27.1.2. Knowledge of political evolution of thought, characteristics of the political system of one's own country, other countries and the European Union and ability to compare them;

27.1.3. Ability to describe the main tendencies of international relations, international cooperation and conflicts in the modern world, as well as foreign and security politics of one's own country and other countries;

27.1.4. Ability to describe the main trends of global politics and global governance, knowledge of the most important debate in this area;

27.1.5. Understanding of the basics of social and humanitarian science disciplines closely related to political sciences and perception of the place of political science in social sciences in general.

27.2. Research skills:

27.2.1. Ability to apply political science concepts, theories and methods for the analysis of political ideas, institutions, practices, public and domestic and international relations and global problems, as well as to justify topicalities of the chosen research theme in terms of society;

27.2.2. Ability to search, gather and critically assess important and necessary information from a variety of various available primary and secondary sources and using the latest information technologies and academic databases.

27.3. Special abilities:

27.3.1. Ability to carry out elementary practical and/or analytical activities in the civil service, public and private enterprises, institutions or organisations or international organisations;

27.3.2. Understanding of intercultural differences, particularly related to values, perceptions and behaviour differences in respect of race, ethnicity, religion, and gender.

27.4. Social abilities:

27.4.1. Ability to communicate correctly in the official language in writing and orally in a professional environment and interact with people who are not professional experts in the field;

27.4.2. Ability to work in a team for planning and carrying out joint projects;

27.4.3. Ability to take responsibility for the quality of one's own activity and that carried out by subordinate employees and its assessment, in accordance with professional ethics and citizenship;

27.4.4. Ability to convey knowledge and understanding acquired during studies and activity to professionals and other learners.

27.5. Personal abilities:

27.5.1. Ability to work independently, understand the importance of self-lifelong learning and plan personal professional development;

27.5.2. Ability to gather and use the data needed to analyse the intended problems;

27.5.3. Ability to use the acquired knowledge and experience for the needs of different professional activities;

27.5.4. Ability to respect copyright and other intellectual property rights, to properly, lawfully and fairly cite the thoughts of sources and other authors, to be intolerant of plagiarism;

27.5.5. Ability to understand the moral responsibility for the impact of activity and its outcomes on social, economic and cultural development, welfare and the environment.

28. Upon completion of the second cycle studies of the study field of Political Science, the graduates should have achieved the following learning outcomes:

28.1. Knowledge and its application:

28.1.1. Knowledge of the ongoing scientific discussion topics in the selected Political Science specialisation;

28.1.2. Understanding of the differences in approaches expressed in scientific debate and the ability to assess them in a reasoned manner;

28.1.3. Perception of the causes of differences in interpretation of political problems and events and ability to explain them taking into account the chosen themes of Political Science specialisation.

28.2. Research skills:

28.2.1. Ability to justify the novelty of chosen political events or process researches scientifically;

28.2.2. Ability to select a theoretical basis for research, taking into account the relationship among classical and modern theories and ongoing scientific discussions in the chosen themes of specialisation;

28.2.3. Ability to plan and carry out scientific and applied research of political phenomena, using methodological approaches and means available in the chosen field of specialisation;

28.2.4. Ability to formulate and reveal the added value of the performed political event or process and to provide problem-solving advice.

28.3. Special abilities:

28.3.1. Ability to analyse and assess contemporary political processes at national, European, international and global levels, to assess them within the more general conceptual context of Political Science;

28.3.2. Ability to work in an international context, engaging in international academic and political communication networks and project design and implementation processes of collective research and other activities;

28.3.3. Ability to write academic texts.

28.4. Social abilities:

28.4.1. Ability to represent the academic community, to communicate correctly in the official language and one of foreign languages in writing and orally both with the experts in the field and with the persons who are not professional experts in that field;

28.4.2. Ability to work in a team, to initiate, plan and organise group activities;

28.4.3. Ability to take responsibility for the quality of one's own activity and that carried out by subordinate employees, its assessment and development, in accordance with professional ethics and citizenship;

28.4.4. Ability to participate in disciplinary debate taking place in the public space, and to reflect on their scientific and practical position in the context of social diversity;

28.4.5. Ability to communicate and collaborate in national and international groups of researchers.

28.5. Personal abilities:

28.5.1. Ability to summarise the available information and to construct critical evaluations on its basis and the argument-based position;

28.5.2. Ability to plan one's own activities and a constant critical reflection on one's own learning and development process and timely correction in order to seek the highest-quality results;

28.5.3. Ability to reflect on and critically evaluate one's own profession and its challenges and continually nurture and develop one's own professional skills;

28.5.4. Ability to adopt innovative solutions, assessing the potential societal and ethical consequences of activities;

28.5.5. Ability to act being aware of the moral responsibility for the impact of activity and its outcomes on social, economic and cultural development, welfare and the environment.

CHAPTER IV

TEACHING, LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT

29. Teaching, learning and assessment shall be based on formulated study programme objectives and learning outcomes and shall also be consistent with the changing international and national context of studies and research of political science. Study process shall combine the outlook of global, regional, international, European, national and local political expression.

30. It shall be necessary to use the latest research results, published in specialised scientific journals, as well as all other information revealing topicalities of political processes in the study process.

31. The choice of study methods (teaching and learning) shall ensure the achievement of learning outcomes. Study methods (teaching and learning) shall include a wide range of methods and their flexible application, combining traditional (lecture, seminar, essay, presentation, self-work) and modern („guest lecture“, team work, case studies, problem-based learning, role-playing games and simulations, field visits and other) study methods.

32. Requirements for independent students' written work shall be formulated taking into account the differences in the outcomes of study cycles. During first cycle studies, where it is important to convey to students the basic knowledge of political science, basic research skills in preparing and writing works of the study field of Political Science shall be developed. During second cycle studies, where it is important to convey to students the advanced knowledge and ability to apply them, taking into account the themes of the chosen specialisation, key research skills in performing a research work, critical reading and writing scientific texts in the field of Political Science shall be developed. A final thesis (project) (Bachelor's and Master's) shall be necessary to ensure the development of consistent basic skills in writing research and academic works.

33. Applied assessment system shall allow observation of the dynamics of the intended outcomes, to identify changes, to maintain feedback and to create preconditions for improving the outcomes. Assessment system and assessment strategy shall ensure students' orientation to the required balance of knowledge and skills. The assessment system should include a variety of assessment methods to ensure the impartiality, clarity and reasonableness of assessment. A higher education institution, by setting the assessment procedure, has the right to allow a teacher to select assessment methods.

34. Strategy for the assessment of learning outcomes shall be documented by the higher education institution. Assessment should be based on the principles of validity, reliability, clarity, usefulness, and impartiality.

CHAPTER V

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF STUDY PROGRAMMES

35. Requirements applied to the teachers of study programmes of the first and second cycle studies of Political Science:

35.1. At least half of lecturers teaching in the study programme of the first cycle studies shall have a doctoral degree, whereas other lecturers – a Master's degree or an equivalent higher education qualification. Scientists should have publications and/or perform research and/or have practical experience related to the subject taught;

35.2. At least 80 percent of lecturers teaching in the second cycle study programme of the study field (branch) of Political Science shall have a doctoral degree. 20 percent of lecturers teaching in the second cycle study programme of the study field (branch) of Political Science shall be professors. Lecturers teaching in the second cycle study programme of the study field (branch) of Political Science must be active scientists.

36. Requirements for the contact working hours of study programmes of the study field of Political Science:

36.1. Contact working hours of the first cycle study programme shall comprise at least 20 percent of programme scope, and at least 10 percent with the direct participation of lecturers and students (non-distant contact work);

36.2. Contact working hours of the second cycle study programme shall comprise at least 10 percent of programme scope, and at least 5 percent with the direct participation of lecturers and students (non-distant contact work).

37. Studies are completed by public defence of the final thesis (project):

37.1. At least 12 credits shall be awarded to the preparation and defence of the final thesis (project) of the study programme of the first cycle studies. If a double Bachelor's degree is provided, final theses (projects) of the study field of Political Science and a minor study field (branch) shall be provided and awarded at least 15 study credits in total;

37.2. At least 30 credits shall be awarded to the preparation and defence of the final thesis (project) of the study programme of the second cycle studies;

37.3. Final theses (projects) of the first cycle and second cycle studies shall be assessed by the Commission. The Evaluation Commission of final theses of the study field of Political Science shall be composed of competent lecturers and representatives of social partners. At least one member of the Commission (a chief of the Commission is recommended) shall come from other academic and research institution than those of studies, or a social partner.

38. Material and methodological resources of the higher education institution shall be sufficient to achieve the outcomes of study programmes of the study field of Political Science:

38.1. Number of used classrooms, other studying and self-work facilities and places in them, their installation and arrangement shall meet the learning needs, as well as work and hygiene requirements;

38.2. Work of technical and administrative services shall create adequate conditions for students to acquire practical skills and programme individualisation;

38.3. Study material and literature sources shall be available in the library and/or in an electronic environment. During contact sessions and the self-employed work the students should be given an access to the necessary software.

39. Requirements for the internship in study programmes of the study field of Political Science:

39.1. Higher education institutions shall identify and approve the procedure and regulations of internship, formulate tasks and objectives, and align them with the host organisations;

39.2. At least 15 credits in total shall be awarded to the internship in the study programme of the first cycle studies;

39.3. Developers of study programmes of the study field of Political Science in the first cycle studies are recommended to carry out internship by combining it with the preparation of a Bachelor's final thesis;

39.4. Students may choose their internship location themselves, in agreement with the higher education institution;

39.5. A higher education institutions shall formulate special tasks, conforming to the objectives of the study field of Political Science, for students who wish to carry out their internship in private-sector enterprises;

39.6. A department of the higher education institution, responsible for the study programme of Political Science, is recommended to create a monitoring system for the student's compulsory internship that would allow academic internship managers to participate in shaping the student's internship objectives and tasks, to keep track of students' progress, as well as to ensure effective feedback from the students who had already completed internship, and from internship institution;

39.7. Professional and/or scientific internship may be incorporated into second cycle study programmes.

40. Academic support shall be provided to students in the following ways:

40.1. Administration of the higher education institution shall guarantee students the opportunity to obtain necessary consultations;

40.2. Lecturers shall encourage, motivate and oblige students to be engaged in the scientific work carried out by the faculty or department;

40.3. Higher education institutions shall regularly provide advice on career, financial management, and psychological support;

40.4. Higher education institutions shall allow students with special needs to study in their institutions;

40.5. Higher education institutions shall provide students with opportunities to organise cultural events in the premises of a higher education institution, to set up and participate in societies, clubs and student organisations.

CHAPTER VI

DESCRIPTION OF LEVELS OF ACHIEVED LEARNING OUTCOMES

41. The learning outcomes of the first cycle studies shall be focused on the skills acquired on the basis of basic knowledge of Political Science. These skills shall be assessed in relation to the following student achievement levels:

41.1. Threshold achievement level. Graduates of this level should be able to:

41.1.1. Possess good understanding of the peculiarities and significance of political processes;

41.1.2. Have general knowledge of the evolution of political thought;

41.1.3. Describe the main characteristics of the political system of their country, other countries and the European Union and are able to compare them;

41.1.4. Describe the main tendencies of international relations, international cooperation and conflicts in the modern world, as well as describe in general terms foreign and security politics of their country and other countries;

41.1.5. Understand the basics of social and humanitarian science disciplines closely related to political sciences;

41.1.6. Have elementary initial skills for practical and/or analytical work in the civil service, public and private enterprises, institutions or organisations or international organisations.

41.2. Standard achievement level. Graduates of this level should be able to:

41.2.1. Possess sufficient understanding of the nature and significance of political processes and phenomena, as well as have knowledge of the theories of political sciences;

41.2.2. Demonstrate knowledge of the evolution of political thought and understand the importance of political ideas for the analysis of modern political processes and phenomena;

41.2.3. Demonstrate knowledge of the social, economic, historical and cultural contexts of political systems of his/her country, other countries and the European Union and their impact and is able to compare them;

41.2.4. Demonstrate knowledge of the main tendencies of international relations, international cooperation and conflicts in the modern world, as well as describe in this context foreign and security politics of their country and other countries;

41.2.5. Demonstrate knowledge of the basics of social and humanitarian science disciplines closely related to political sciences and use it for the analysis of political processes and phenomena;

41.2.6. Have initial skills for practical and/or analytical work in the civil service, public and private enterprises, institutions or organisations or international organisations.

41.3. Excellent achievement level. Graduates of this level should be able to:

41.3.1. Perfectly understand and reasonably explain the nature and importance of politics and demonstrate knowledge of the basic political science theories and applied research methods;

41.3.2. Demonstrate deep understanding of the evolution and developments of political thought, apply available knowledge analysing contemporary political processes and phenomena, show in a reasoned manner the relationship between political reflection and political practice;

41.3.3. Thoroughly describe the social, economic, historical and cultural contexts of political systems of his/her country, other countries and the European Union and their impact and is able to compare them in a comprehensive manner;

41.3.4. Demonstrate knowledge of all main tendencies of international relations, international cooperation and conflicts in the modern world and ability to comprehensively evaluate foreign and security politics of his/her own country and other countries;

41.3.5. Demonstrate good knowledge of the basics of social and humanitarian science disciplines closely related to political sciences and use it for the analysis of political processes and phenomena;

41.3.6. Have many various initial skills for practical and/or analytical work in the civil service, public and private enterprises, institutions or organisations or international organisations;

42. Learning outcomes of the second cycle studies are focused on the skills acquired on the basis of advanced knowledge and its application, taking into account the themes of the chosen specialisation field. These skills shall be assessed in relation to the following student achievement levels:

42.1. Threshold achievement level. Graduates of this level should be able to:

42.1.1. Basically know classical and modern theories of Political Science and apply them, taking into account the themes of the specialisation chosen for analysis and assessment of internal and/or international political events and processes;

42.1.2. Identify the causes of differences in interpretation of political problems and events and indicate their main causes, taking into account the themes of the chosen specialisation;

42.1.3. Demonstrate knowledge of ongoing scientific debate on the topics of the chosen specialisation and outline their problems in general terms;

42.1.4. Identify and predict the changes and developments of political relations, processes and interactions in general terms, when performing internship;

42.1.5. Basically combine information of different fields – social, economic, legal, cultural and other, when performing interdisciplinary research.

42.2. Standard achievement level. Graduates of this level should be able to:

42.2.1. Demonstrate good knowledge of classical and modern theories of Political Science and ability to apply them, analysing and assessing internal and/or international political events and processes, taking into account the themes of the chosen specialisation;

42.2.2. Perceive the causes of differences in interpretation of political problems and events and explain them in a reasoned manner taking into account the themes of the chosen specialisation;

42.2.3. Demonstrate knowledge of ongoing scientific debate on the topics of the chosen specialisation, understand the differences in positions expressed and reasonably assess them;

42.2.4. Adequately identify and predict the changes, developments and trends of political relations, processes and interactions, when performing internship;

42.2.5. Apply information of different fields – social, economic, legal, cultural and other, as well as various theoretical and methodological approaches, when performing interdisciplinary research.

42.3. Excellent achievement level. Graduates of this level should be able to:

42.3.1. Demonstrate excellent knowledge of classical and modern theories of Political Science and ability to creatively apply them, analysing and assessing internal and/or international political events and processes, taking into account the themes of the chosen specialisation;

42.3.2. Demonstrate deep perception of the causes of differences in interpretation of political problems and events and explain them comprehensively and in a reasoned manner taking into account the themes of the chosen specialisation;

42.3.3. Demonstrate excellent orientation in the ongoing scientific debate on the topics of the chosen specialisation, perfectly understand the differences in positions expressed and comprehensively and reasonably assess them, formulate and present his/her own position;

42.3.4. Professionally identify and predict the changes, developments and trends of political relations, processes and interactions, when performing internship;

42.3.5. Effectively apply information of different fields – social, economic, legal, cultural and other, as well as various theoretical and methodological approaches, when performing interdisciplinary research.
