Course syllabus

1. Core data

Course code	Credits	Semester
7PO10NCKA7B	6	2024/25/2
Course title in Hungarian		
Választási rendszerek és szavazói magatartás		
Course title in English		
Electoral Sytems and Voting Behaviour		
Course title in other language		

Course leader	Institute	
Várnagy Réka	Institute of Social and Political Sciences	
Language of instruction	**Type of final assessment**	
Hungarian	Exam	
Number of theoretical classes per week (full-time programmes)	**Number of practical classes per week (full-time programmes)**	
2	2	
Number of theoretical classes per semester (part-time programmes)	**Number of practical classes per semester (part-time programmes)**	
0	0	
Available for preferential study schedule		
No		

2. Main features

Course objectives
The aim of the course on electoral systems is for students to become familiar with the main types and functioning of electoral systems, and to review the interactions between electoral systems and the political system. Students will gain deeper knowledge about the formation, functioning, and political consequences of the Hungarian electoral system. The goal of the voter behavior course section is to provide students with insight into the theory and practice of voter behavior. During the classes, we will review previous research on voter motivations and familiarize ourselves with the current domestic and international empirical trends regarding the background of party choice.
Brief description of the course
Students will learn about the core literature, ideas, and theoretical frameworks of the subject through relevant lectures and seminars as well as independent study. Case studies and examples are presented to aid in the learning process. An important part of the course's structure is devoted to comprehending and assessing Hungarian systems. Smaller seminars and online exercises help students become familiar with and practice the necessary mathematical formulas.
Relationship with other courses of the programme

3. Learning outcomes

Skill	Knowledge	Attitude	Autonomy and Responsibility
During the course, students will become familiar with the different types of electoral systems and the functioning of the mechanisms.	Students familiarize themselves with the typology of electoral systems.	They will be capable of both independent work and teamwork.	The course expects students to have a proactive attitude and to work independently.
	Students will learn how to allocate mandates in different electoral systems.		

	The students will become familiar with the indicators showing the proportionality of electoral systems and learn how to calculate them.		
Students can learn the driving forces that determine voters' decisions and the modern campaign tools that parties use to influence voters.	The students explore the elements and interconnections of the factors explaining voter behavior. They gain insight into the motivations and strategies of actors seeking to influence voter behavior.		
They connect the elements of the electoral system with the functioning and evaluation of the system.	The students will become familiar with the indicators showing the proportionality of electoral systems and learn how to calculate them.		

4. Mandatory readings

Required literature	URL
Nagy Levente (2015): Választás és arányosság, Debreceni Egyetemi Kiadó	
Tóka Gábor 2003: A szavazói magatartás. In: Gallai Sándor –Török Gábor (szerk): Politika és politikatudomány. Budapest. Aula. 457-477. o.	
Nagy Levente 2018: A többség (ki)választása. Debreceni Egyetemi Kiadó, Debrecen	