



Faculté des sciences économiques, sociales et politiques

ESPO

SPOL2100 Theories and methodology of political decision-making

[30h] 3 credits

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Language: french
Level: 2nd cycle course

Aims

The course focuses on the conduct of political action and political decision-making. It addresses these issues from the standpoint of macro- and micro-political analysis, and on the basis of an inter-disciplinary approach. The objective is to train decision-makers at various levels of public authorities.

Main themes

Theories of power, models of rationality, the issue of public choices, the theory of risk and uncertainty, games theory, the ethics and psychology of decision-making, and theories of democracy.

Content and teaching methods

Content

- Introduction: Politics (field of action, the structuring of power and the meaning of action).
- Nature and framework of political action: Collective action (public choices and institutional rules) and the mechanisms of social choice.
- The processes and structures of decision-making: Public policies, decision-making (models, applications and methodology) and the dynamics of action.

Methodology

The course combines the theoretical explanations, practical applications and methodological instruments needed for an understanding of political action. It will include a syllabus, expositions and reading.

Other credits in programs

POL22/AP	Deuxième licence en sciences politiques (Affaires publiques)	(3 credits)	Mandatory
POL22/RI	Deuxième licence en sciences politiques (Relations internationales)	(3 credits)	Mandatory
POLS2M1/AP	Master en sciences politiques, orientation générale (affaires publiques)	(3 credits)	Mandatory
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