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PEOPLES' FRIENDSHIP UNIVERSITY OF RUSSIA  
NAMED AFTER PATRICE LUMUMBA  
RUDN University**

**Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences**

(educational division (faculty/institute/academy) as programme developer)

**Department of the Comparative Politics**

(department realizing the PhD program)

## **COURSE SYLLABUS**

**Methodology of Scientific Research / Методология научных исследований**

(course title)

Scientific specialty:

**5.5.2 Political institutions, processes, technologies**

(scientific speciality code and title)

The course instruction is implemented within the PhD programmes:

**Political Science: Russian and Comparative Studies / Политическая наука: российские  
и сравнительные исследования (на англ. языке)**

(PhD program title)

## 1. DISCIPLINE (MODULE) GOAL

The objective of mastering the discipline «Methodology of Scientific Research» is to acquire modern knowledge and skills to analyze world political processes using the appropriate methodology.

## 2. REQUIREMENTS TO PHD-STUDENTS ON FINISHING THE COURSE

Mastering the discipline " Methodology of Scientific Research " is aimed at forming the following competencies (part of competencies) among students:

**To know** the main trends in the development of scientific knowledge in the modern world, the main forms of training of scientific and scientific-pedagogical personnel, problems of methodology of scientific research, stages of scientific research, methods of writing and registration of scientific papers on political science and regionalism.

**To be able to** identify current problems of modern scientific knowledge in political science, analyze general patterns in the development of world politics; with the help of modern information technologies, collect data for political science research; think systematically; identify general patterns and particular problems that fall into the focus of professional activity.

**To possess** the skills of setting scientific problems, organizing scientific research, planning the stages of their implementation and presenting the results in scientific texts, mastering the culture of scientific research is an important component in the structure of professional activity

## 3. WORKLOAD OF THE DISCIPLINE AND TYPES OF ACTIVITIES

The overall workload of the discipline «Methodology of Scientific Research» is 1 credit units (36 academic hours).

Types of activities	Total ac. hrs.	Semesters
		1
<i>Classroom activities (total), including:</i>	18	
в том числе:		
Lectures (LC)	12	
Laboratory activities (LA)	–	–
Practical lessons/Seminars (PC)	6	
<i>Independent work</i>	18	
<i>Intermediate certification (test with assessment/exam)</i>	36	36
Overall workload	ac. hrs.	36
	credits	1

## 4. CONTENT OF THE DISCIPLINE

Name of the discipline section	Contents of the section (topic)	Type of study work
Section 1. Traditional methods and approaches	Theme 1.1. Normative approach	LC, IW
	Theme 1.2. Historical approach	LC, IW
	Theme 1.3. Economic approach	LC, IW
	Theme 1.4. Psychological approach	LC, IW
	Theme 1.5. Biological approach	LC, IW
	Theme 1.6. Geographical approach	LC, IW
	Theme 1.7. Institutional approach	LC, IW
Section 2. Modern methods and approaches	Theme 2.1. Behavioral approach	LC, IW
	Theme 2.2. Critical theory	LC, IW
	Theme 2.3. System approach	LC, IW
	Theme 2.4. Structural and functional approach	LC, IW
	Theme 2.5. Socio-cultural approach	LC, IW

	Theme 2.6. Neoinstitutional approach	LC, IW
	Theme 2.7. Rational choice theory and its criticism	LC, IW
	Theme 2.8. Pluralistic theory	LC, IW
	Theme 2.9. Theory of group conflicts	LC, IW
	Theme 2.10. Postmodernism and postpositivism	LC, IW
	Theme 2.11. Network approach	LC, IW
	Theme 2.12. Agency theory	LC, IW
Section 3. Methodology of civilizational analysis	Theme 3.1. The origins and foundations of civilizational analysis	LC, IW
	Theme 3.2. Specifics of the methodology of the RUDN Scientific school	LC, IW

## 5. EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS

Room Type	Room Equipment	Specialized educational / laboratory equipment, software and materials for mastering the discipline
Class for Seminars	Room for seminar-type classes, equipped with a set of specialized furniture, board (screen) and technical / multimedia gadgets	Not necessary
Self-Work Class	Room for self-working (can be used for lecture and seminars activities), equipped with a set of specialized furniture, board (screen) and technical / multimedia gadgets and computers with an access to EIPES	Not necessary

## 6. METHODOLOGICAL SUPPORT AND LEARNING MATERIALS

### *Main readings:*

1. Roberts, M. (2018). What is Political Methodology? *PS: Political Science & Politics*, 51(3), 597-601. doi:10.1017/S1049096518000537
2. Paul Pennings, Hans Keman, Jan Kleinnijenhuis. *Doing Research in Political Science: An Introduction to Comparative Methods*. Sage Publications. 2006.

### *Additional readings:*

1. Christian List and Laura Valentini. *The Methodology of Political Theory / Cappelen, H., Gendler, T. and Hawthorne, J., The Oxford Handbook of Philosophical Methodology*. Oxford, UK : Oxford University Press, 2016.
2. McNabb, D.E. (2010). *Research Methods for Political Science: Quantitative and Qualitative Methods* (2nd ed.). Routledge. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781315701141>
3. *Thinking in Print: The Uses of Research, Public and Private* // Wayne C. Booth, Gregory G. Colomb, Joseph M. Williams. *The Craft of Research* (3rd ed.). – Chicago & London: The University of Chicago Press. 2008.
4. *From Questions to Problems* // Wayne C. Booth, Gregory G. Colomb, Joseph M. Williams. *The Craft of Research* (2nd ed.). – Chicago & London: The University of Chicago Press, 2003

### *Internet sources:*

ELS RUDN University and third party EBS, to which university students have access based signed contracts:

- RUDN Electronic Library System, <http://lib.rudn.ru/MegaPro/Web> ;
- ELS University Library Online, <http://www.biblioclub.ru> ;
- EBS Urayt, <http://www.biblio-online.ru> ;
- ELS Student Consultant, <http://www.studentlibrary.ru> ;
- EBS Lan, <http://e.lanbook.com> ;
- EBS Trinity Bridge <http://www.trmost.ru>

Databases and search engines:

- Electronic fund of legal and normative-technical documentation, <http://docs.cntd.ru> ;
- Yandex search system [https:// www .yandex.ru](https://www.yandex.ru) ;
- Google search system <https://www.google.com> ;
- Reference database Scopus , <http://www.elsevierscience.ru/products/scopus>

*Educational and methodological materials for students' self-work studying the discipline / module:*

A course of lectures on the discipline «Methodology of Scientific Research»

### **7. ASSESSMENT TOOLKIT AND GRADING SYSTEM FOR MIDTERM ATTESTATION OF STUDENTS IN THE DISCIPLINE (MODULE)**

Assessment toolkit and a grading system to evaluate the level of competences (competences in part) formation as the course results are specified on the TUIS platform.

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