

Academic Programs and Activities of the Department of Political Science of the University of Tirana



Department of Political Science
Faculty of Social Sciences
University of Tirana, Albania

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University of Tirana





University of Tirana

- Founded in 1957 as the “State University of Tirana”, to meet the increasing needs of the country for qualified specialists
- During communism it was the only university in the country
- Students and academic staff of the UT started the democratic revolution in 1990



University of Tirana

- UT is the largest and the leading university in the country: six faculties, 174 study programs, 779 full time academic staff, around 22,300 students
- Faculties:
 - Law
 - Natural Sciences
 - Social Sciences
 - History & Philology
 - Foreign Languages
- Institutes:
 - Institute of European Studies
 - Institute of Applied Nuclear Physics
 - Confucius Institute



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Development Strategy of the University of Tirana (2023-2028)

- Boosting internationalization and mobility:
 - Developing mid-term and long-term partnerships with leading universities in the EU and the Western Balkans
 - Supporting and promoting the mobility of UT students and staff and attracting international students and academic staff
 - Increasing the participation of UT in international projects, initiatives, networks and exchange



University of Tirana

- 13 international networks, such as European University Association, Network of Universities from the Capitals of Europe, Magna Carta Observatory, CERN etc.
- Over 200 bilateral agreements with foreign academic institutions in Europe
- Agreements Erasmus+ KA107 of the University of Tirana with European universities, from Iberic peninsula to Baltic region and from Scandinavia to Greece and Turkey.
- Mevlana program for exchanges with universities of Turkey

Membership in Networks



Rector's Forum of Southeast Europe and Western Balkans



Faculty of Social Sciences





Faculty of Social Sciences

- Founded in 1992. The main institution for teaching and research in social sciences in Albania
- Departments:
 - Philosophy
 - Political Science
 - Psychology-Pedagogy
 - Social Work
 - Sociology
- 2023-2024: 2,295 students in the three cycles of study in the faculty.



Department of Political Science

- Started as a direction of studies within the Department of Philosophy-Sociology
- 2008: reorganization as Political Science department of the Faculty of Social Sciences
- political science, political theory, public administration, international relations, international organizations etc.
- 11 full time lecturers (1 professor, 3 associate professors, 7 PhDs) and nearly 30 part-time lecturers.
- Employment of alumni: public administration including staff of elected officials, NGOs, media and public opinion analysts, academia, banks, corporations and private enterprises



Department of Political Science

- **Actual programs of study:**

 - Bachelor in Political Science

 - Master of Science in Regional Political Studies

 - Master of Science in Political Theory

 - Professional Master in Governance and Public Policy

 - Joint MA in Political Science – Integration and Governance (PoSIG)

 - Doctorate in Political Science

- **Prospective programs of study**

 - Joint Master of Science in Economic

 - Development and International Relations

 - Executive Master in Social Innovation (TESI)



Department of Political Science

- **Participation of academic staff in European programs for higher education:**

 - Erasmus+

 - The first department in UT to be awarded a Jean Monnet Module 2017-2020

 - Horizon Europe

 - Cost

- **Post-doctorate fellowships:**

 - Marie Curie Fellowship

 - Jean Monnet Fellowship of European University Institute



Department of Political Science

- **Courses offered in English:**

Multiculturalism, Nationalism and Citizenship

Comparative Social Policies

Political Systems in Southeast Europe

Public Policy and Institutions

Social Policy

International Organizations in the Western
Balkans

European Integration and Geopolitics of States
in the Western Balkans



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○ Erasmus+ exchanges 2018-2024

Categories	No.	Countries
Outgoing students	10	Austria, Czechia, Italy, Latvia, Romania
Incoming students	7	Czechia, Italy, France, Germany, Spain, Turkey
Outgoing academic staff	11	Austria, Czechia, Italy, Poland
Incoming academic staff	9	Czechia, Portugal, Spain, Turkey
Total exchanges	37	



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<https://unitir.edu.al/incoming-erasmus-mobilities/>

Thank you!