

**DISCIPLINE DESCRIPTION**  
**"Political parties and interest groups"**

1	Specialized module	Political parties and interest groups
2	Specialty	1-23 01 06 Political Science
3	Course of Study	1
4	Semester	1
5	Credit units	3
6	Degree, title, full name of lectures	Senior Lecturer Novitskaya N.
7	Objectives	to comprehensively and systematically introduce a range of issues related to clarification of the essence and specifics of political parties and interest groups, reveal their place and role in the political system of the society; to develop students' profound knowledge about the operational mechanisms of systems of political and functional representation of interests in the modern world; to contribute to the development of ideological outlook, civic and active life position of future specialists.
8	Prerequisites	Political Science
9	Syllabus	Introduction to the discipline "Political parties and interest groups". Origin, essence and typology of political parties. Functions of political parties. Party systems, structures and coalitions. Formation of a multi-party system in the Republic of Belarus. Interest groups in politics. Representation systems. Public organizations and movements as subjects of the system of functional representation of interests.
10	References	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Дюверже, М. Политические партии / М. Дюверже; Пер. с франц. – М.: Академический Проект, 2008. – 560 с.</li> <li>2. Жилинская, И.В. Политические партии и общественные объединения в идеологических процессах: учеб.-метод. комплекс / И.В. Жилинская. - Минск: Акад. упр. при Президенте Респ. Беларусь, 2006. – 142 с.</li> </ol>
11	Teaching Methods	Explanatory-illustrative, reproductive, partial-research, comparative, problematic, dialogue-heuristic, research, generalizing, analytical.
12	Tuition Language	Russian