

**Subject card**

<b>Subject name and code</b>	US political system, PG_00144833						
<b>Field of study</b>	American Studies						
<b>Date of commencement of studies</b>	October 2024	<b>Academic year of realisation of subject</b>			2026/2027		
<b>Education level</b>	undergraduate studies	<b>Subject group</b>			Obligatory subject group in the field of study Humanistic-social subject group		
<b>Mode of study</b>	full-time studies	<b>Mode of delivery</b>			at the university		
<b>Year of study</b>	3	<b>Language of instruction</b>			English 100% English language		
<b>Semester of study</b>	6	<b>ECTS credits</b>			2.0		
<b>Learning profile</b>	academic	<b>Assessment form</b>					
<b>Conducting unit</b>							
<b>Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)</b>	<b>Subject supervisor</b>		mgr Justyna Stiepanow				
	<b>Teachers</b>						
<b>Lesson types</b>	<b>Lesson type</b>	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	<b>Number of study hours</b>	30.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30
	E-learning hours included: 0.0						
<b>Learning activity and number of study hours</b>	<b>Learning activity</b>	Participation in didactic classes included in study plan		Participation in consultation hours		Self-study	SUM
	<b>Number of study hours</b>	30		2.0		18.0	50
<b>Subject objectives</b>	This course aims at introducing students to the knowledge of the political system of the United States in a cultural and social context						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[AMERL3_K01] is ready to critically evaluate his knowledge and skills, especially in American cultural and literary studies, as well as the basic contextual knowledge of American studies concerning history, social sciences, geography, linguistics and art and English.	Students are ready to assess critically their skills in and the knowledge of American political system as well as their basic contextual knowledge of American studies with regard to history, social sciences and English language.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SK2] presentation/project/paper/report [SK4] test/exam - oral or written [SK5] implementation of a problem task [SK8] observation of student's independent or team work
	[AMERL3_W11] Knows and understands the basic interrelationships of American cultural and literary studies with other humanity studies and social sciences, including, in particular, knowledge of selected issues and basic terminology in American history, society, language, politics and art, constituting the basic contextual knowledge necessary for the study of North American cultural phenomena and processes.	Students know and understand basic links between American political system and other human and social sciences, especially they know selected facts and terminology regarding American history, society, politics and English language, which constitute necessary contextual knowledge applied in cultural phenomena and processes observable in North America.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SW2] presentation/project/paper/report [SW5] implementation of a problem task
	[AMERL3_U09] Is able to use and communicate knowledge of history, social sciences, geography, linguistics and the arts, providing a basic context in the study of North American cultural phenomena and processes.	Students are able to use and communicate their knowledge of American political system as a basic context in studying cultural phenomena and processes observable in North America.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SU2] presentation/project/paper/report [SU4] test/exam - oral or written [SU5] implementation of a problem task
	[AMERL3_K02] recognizes the importance of knowledge and skills in American Studies in solving cognitive and practical problems, and is ready to consult a research supervisor or mentor at the chosen workplace in case of difficulties in solving problems independently.	Students appreciate that the knowledge and skills acquired during the course have a practical application in solving practical and cognitive problems. Students are ready to seek help and advice in the case of troubles with independent problem-solving.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SK2] presentation/project/paper/report [SK4] test/exam - oral or written [SK5] implementation of a problem task [SK8] observation of student's independent or team work
Subject contents	Topics include: the US constitution, federalism, the president and Congress, the judiciary, political culture and society, social movements, political parties, the electoral system, US internal politics		
Prerequisites and co-requisites	B2 level English competency		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	attendance, presentation, group analyses of selected texts,	80.0%	50.0%
	tests	51.0%	30.0%
	class presentation	51.0%	20.0%
Recommended reading	<p>Basic literature</p> <p>Noll, Mark A. God and Race in American Politics: A Short History. Princeton University Press. 2008.</p> <p>Paletz, David L. and Diana Owen. 21st Century American Government and Politics, Vol. 10. 2012. <a href="https://2012books.lardbucket.org/pdfs/21st-century-american-government-and-politics.pdf">https://2012books.lardbucket.org/pdfs/21st-century-american-government-and-politics.pdf</a>.</p> <p>US Government and Politics. Crash Course. 2015. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lrk4oY7UxpQ&amp;list=PL8dPuuaLjXtOfse2ncvffeelTrqvhr8H">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lrk4oY7UxpQ&amp;list=PL8dPuuaLjXtOfse2ncvffeelTrqvhr8H</a>.</p>		

	Supplementary literature	<p>American Government and Politics in the Information Age (The Saylor Foundation under a Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-ShareAlike 3.0 License). 2011. <a href="https://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks/textbooks/64">https://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks/textbooks/64</a>.</p> <p>"American History: From Emancipation to the Present," (AFAM 162), Yale University courses, 2012, <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b4cOAX7S0FU">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b4cOAX7S0FU</a>.</p> <p>US Government and Politics. Crash Course. 2015. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lrk4oY7UxpQ&amp;list=PL8dPuuaLjXtOfse2ncvffeelTrqvhrz8H">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lrk4oY7UxpQ&amp;list=PL8dPuuaLjXtOfse2ncvffeelTrqvhrz8H</a>. Valley, Richard M. American Politics: A Very Short Introduction. Oxford University Press, 2013.</p>
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