

Subject card

Subject name and code	Political Decision Making, PG_00149432						
Field of study	Political Studies						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2024	Academic year of realisation of subject			2025/2026		
Education level	Master's studies	Subject group			Obligatory subject group in the field of study Humanistic-social subject group		
Mode of study	full-time studies	Mode of delivery			at the university		
Year of study	2	Language of instruction			Polish		
Semester of study	4	ECTS credits			3.0		
Learning profile	academic	Assessment form					
Conducting unit	Division of International Relations -> Institute of Political Science -> Faculty of Social Sciences -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Paweł Nieczuja-Ostrowski				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	30.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30
	E-learning hours included: 0.0						
	Additional information: no entry requirements						
Learning activity and number of study hours	Learning activity	Participation in didactic classes included in study plan		Participation in consultation hours		Self-study	SUM
	Number of study hours	30		0.0		45.0	75
Subject objectives	After completing the classes, the student has knowledge about decision-making in politics. Knows and understands the theoretical approach to political decision-making, the assumptions of decision analysis and the methods and techniques of decision-making. The knowledge acquired during classes can be used in further political science education as well as in professional and social life.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[POLMU2_W07] Knows the mechanisms of political participation.	Knows the mechanisms of political participation in the context of political decisions.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLMU2_U09] Is able to indicate the conditions for the evolution of political systems by properly selecting sources, critically assessing, analysing and synthesising them, creatively interpreting and transferring the acquired knowledge, using advanced information and communication techniques.	Indicates the conditions for making political decisions.	[SU8] observation of student's independent or team work
	[POLMU2_W03] Knows various theories and doctrines of politics.	Knows theoretical concepts explaining political decision-making.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLMU2_U03] Can characterise detailed policies and relations between them at different levels of political decision-making.	Characterizes individual elements of political decision-making.	[SU8] observation of student's independent or team work
	[POLMU2_U02] Has the ability to analyze the mechanisms of political power.	Analyzes the mechanisms of political decision-making.	[SU8] observation of student's independent or team work
	[POLMU2_U01] Is able to describe and evaluate political life from the perspective of various theoretical and doctrinal approaches.	Describes the realities of making political decisions.	[SU8] observation of student's independent or team work
	[POLMU2_W15] Has knowledge of the relations between organizations and political institutions at national and international level.	Knows organizational and institutional relationships influencing political decisions.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLMU2_W05] Has knowledge of specific policies at the local, regional, and global level.	Knows the issues of political decisions at individual levels.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLMU2_W06] Has knowledge of the threats and challenges facing politics, including the principles of creating and developing forms of individual entrepreneurship.	Knows the threats to making political decisions.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLMU2_W08] Knows and understands the mechanisms of social perception of politics.	Knows the mechanisms of perception of political decisions.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLMU2_W11] Has knowledge of the functioning mechanisms of the contemporary political systems.	Knows the conditions for making political decisions.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLMU2_W12] Has knowledge about political movements and pressure groups.	Knows the conditions for making political decisions.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLMU2_U10] Can assess the roles and significance of political movements and pressure groups.	Assesses the conditions for making political decisions.	[SU8] observation of student's independent or team work
	[POLMU2_U12] Can recognize the relations between political organizations and institutions on a national and international scale.	Recognizes the conditions for making political decisions in national and international reality.	[SU8] observation of student's independent or team work
	[POLMU2_K06] Is convinced of the importance of professional and ethical behaviour and has the ability to actively promote such attitudes.	Understands the importance of professionalism in public activities.	[SK8] observation of student's independent or team work
	[POLMU2_K05] Can work in teams implementing social projects.	Is able to work in a team dealing with issues of decision-making in politics.	[SK8] observation of student's independent or team work
	[POLMU2_K04] Is prepared to perform the function of an organizer of civic life in various environments and at various levels of the society structure in accordance with the idea of thinking and acting in an entrepreneurial manner.	Understands the importance of making decisions in public activities.	[SK8] observation of student's independent or team work

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	[POLMU2_K03] Is prepared to function in an information society, can collect, use, and process information in the public sphere.	Collects information in order to make informed decisions.	[SK8] observation of student's independent or team work
	[POLMU2_K01] Is prepared to actively participate in the public and political life of the civil society at various levels of participation.	Can use various decision-making techniques.	[SK8] observation of student's independent or team work
	[POLMU2_U13] Is able to analyse the results of public opinion surveys and use their results to shape political attitudes and manage work.	Is able to analyze the conditions for making political decisions.	[SU8] observation of student's independent or team work
	[POLMU2_U06] Can identify mechanisms of political perception and assess their effectiveness.	Indicates the mechanisms of political decisions.	[SU8] observation of student's independent or team work
	[POLMU2_W04] Knows the mechanisms of the functioning of political power.	Knows the mechanisms of making political decisions by public authorities.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLMU2_U05] Can explain the essence of the mechanisms of political participation and understand its importance for shaping the civil society and democratic political culture.	Explains the impact of political participation in the context of political decision-making.	[SU8] observation of student's independent or team work
	[POLMU2_U04] Can identify real and hypothetical threats in the political space.	Indicates threats to political decision-making.	[SU8] observation of student's independent or team work
	[POLMU2_U08] Can analyse the mechanisms of European integration, interpret European law and evaluate the effectiveness of integration processes.	Analyzes the mechanisms of political decisions in European reality.	[SU8] observation of student's independent or team work
Subject contents	Introductory classes: learning goals and outcomes, educational content, organization of classes, rules for passing the course. Political decision-making from a theoretical perspective. Assumptions and functions of decision analysis. Types of decision analysis. Political science model of decision analysis. Objects and subjects of political decisions. Determinants of political decisions. decision-making processes.		
Prerequisites and co-requisites	no entry requirements		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	test	51.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	<p>Czajowski A., <i>Decydowanie w polityce</i>, Atła 2, Wrocław 2013.</p> <p>Pietraś Z.J., <i>Decydowanie polityczne</i>, PWN, Warszawa 2012.</p> <p><i>Procedury decyzyjne Unii Europejskiej</i>, red. J. Galster, A. Szczerba, wyd. 2, EuroPrawo, 2022.</p>	

	Supplementary literature	<p>Bieleń S., <i>Negocjacje w stosunkach międzynarodowych</i>, Wyd. ASPRA 2013.</p> <p>Bodnar A., <i>Decyzje polityczne. Elementy teorii</i>, PWN Warszawa 1985.</p> <p><i>Gabinety polityczne. Narzędzie skutecznego rządzenia</i>, red. D. Bach-Golecka, Wydawca: Ośrodek Myśli Politycznej 2007.</p> <p>Komarnicki H., <i>Decyzje polityczne i proces decyzyjny, [w:] Wprowadzenie do nauki o państwie i polityce</i>, red. B. Szmulik, M. Żmigrodzki, Lublin 2007.</p> <p>Rydlewski G., <i>O skutecznym działaniu w polityce</i>, Warszawa 2004.</p> <p>Rydlewski G., <i>Rządzenie w świecie megazmian</i>, Warszawa 2009.</p> <p>Tosiek P., <i>Komitologia. Szczególny rodzaj decydowania politycznego w Unii Europejskiej</i>, UMCS, 2017.</p>
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed		<p>Types of political decision analysis. Factors shaping political decision-making. Three types of cybernetic political decision-makers. Division of actions according to alternativeness. The problem of non-decision. Types of feedback.</p>
Work placement	Not applicable	

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