

Subject card

Subject name and code	Contemporary Political Systems, PG_00149125						
Field of study	Political Studies						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject		2026/2027		
Education level	Bachelor's studies		Subject group		Obligatory subject group in the field of study		
Mode of study	full-time studies		Mode of delivery		at the university		
Year of study	2		Language of instruction		Polish		
Semester of study	3		ECTS credits		2.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		exam		
Conducting unit	Division of Political Systems -> Institute of Political Science -> Faculty of Social Sciences -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		prof. dr hab. Danuta Plecka				
	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						
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		30.0	60
Subject objectives	To familiarize students with the concept of a political system, the typology of political systems and their functioning in the modern world and their influence political institutions on the political system, the dependence of political systems on state ideology, the impact of democracy on the development of systems political.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[POLL3_W06] Has advanced knowledge of political, cultural, economic, legal and ethical structures, their origins and changes.	lists the principles of functioning of political systems in the Polish dimension, European and global, - can list and describe the basic institutions of power of the countries he learns, - is able to assign competences to various types of authorities in the discussed areas countries, - describes the basic political and social organizations in selected countries.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLL3_W12] Has an advanced knowledge and understanding of the mechanisms of governance and political decision-making, including knowledge of the basic principles and relationships between management, organizing and other interactions between entrepreneurship and politics, has advanced knowledge of the threats and challenges facing politics, including the principles of creating and developing forms of individual entrepreneurship.	lists the principles of functioning of political systems in the Polish dimension, European and global, - can list and describe the basic institutions of power of the countries he learns, - is able to assign competences to various types of authorities in the discussed areas countries, - describes the basic political and social organizations in selected countries.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLL3_W08] Has advanced knowledge about democracy, civil society, political culture and the essence of public discourse in historical and contemporary terms.	lists the principles of functioning of political systems in the Polish dimension, European and global, - can list and describe the basic institutions of power of the countries he learns, - is able to assign competences to various types of authorities in the discussed areas countries, - describes the basic political and social organizations in selected countries.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLL3_W05] Has advanced knowledge of the historical, economic, social, legal, ethical and cultural conditions of political life.	lists the principles of functioning of political systems in the Polish dimension, European and global, - can list and describe the basic institutions of power of the countries he learns, - is able to assign competences to various types of authorities in the discussed areas countries, - describes the basic political and social organizations in selected countries.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLL3_W04] Has advanced knowledge of the role and importance of political and social participation of an individual in the functioning of political entities.	lists the principles of functioning of political systems in the Polish dimension, European and global, - can list and describe the basic institutions of power of the countries he learns, - is able to assign competences to various types of authorities in the discussed areas countries, - describes the basic political and social organizations in selected countries.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLL3_W03] Has advanced knowledge of the role of man in social life, especially political life, and his interactions with the social, political, cultural, legal and economic environment.	lists the principles of functioning of political systems in the Polish dimension, European and global, - can list and describe the basic institutions of power of the countries he learns, - is able to assign competences to various types of authorities in the discussed areas countries, - describes the basic political and social organizations in selected countries.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written

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	[POLL3_K01] Is prepared to participate in public life and in teams implementing social, political and civic projects at various levels of participation, and uses the acquired knowledge, skills and competencies to act in an entrepreneurial manner.	can cooperate in a group and even act as a group leader, - characterizes work in public organizations and institutions, including public bodies public administration, political parties and other national organizations i international, - argues the need for lifelong learning.	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLL3_K06] Is ready to recognize and respect different points of view determined by different political, cultural and social backgrounds.	can cooperate in a group and even act as a group leader, - characterizes work in public organizations and institutions, including public bodies public administration, political parties and other national organizations i international, - argues the need for lifelong learning.	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLL3_U14] Can prepare oral presentations on specific issues using sources and theoretical approaches.	analyzes and explains political processes and phenomena using knowledge theoretical, - describes the principles and values of a democratic or non-democratic state and actively participates in classes, - characterizes the relationships between politics and phenomena and processes historical, economic, social and cultural, and also evaluates keeping them critical.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLL3_W02] Has structured and detailed knowledge of a selected module (specialization) in the field of political science.	lists the principles of functioning of political systems in the Polish dimension, European and global, - can list and describe the basic institutions of power of the countries he learns, - is able to assign competences to various types of authorities in the discussed areas countries, - describes the basic political and social organizations in selected countries.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLL3_K02] Is prepared to participate in building institutionalized forms of civic activity, including acting as a leader.	can cooperate in a group and even act as a group leader, - characterizes work in public organizations and institutions, including public bodies public administration, political parties and other national organizations i international, - argues the need for lifelong learning.	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLL3_U12] Can analyse, evaluate, and use the content of the media message	analyzes and explains political processes and phenomena using knowledge theoretical, - describes the principles and values of a democratic or non-democratic state and actively participates in classes, - characterizes the relationships between politics and phenomena and processes historical, economic, social and cultural, and also evaluates keeping them critical.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLL3_K08] Thanks to the awareness of the existing relationships between politics and historical, economic, social and cultural phenomena and processes is ready to critically evaluate them.	can cooperate in a group and even act as a group leader, - characterizes work in public organizations and institutions, including public bodies public administration, political parties and other national organizations i international, - argues the need for lifelong learning.	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLL3_K04] Is prepared to work in public organisations and institutions, including public administration bodies, political parties and other national and international organisations.	can cooperate in a group and even act as a group leader, - characterizes work in public organizations and institutions, including public bodies public administration, political parties and other national organizations i international, - argues the need for lifelong learning.	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written

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	[POLL3_W01] Possesses ordered and systematized knowledge of political sciences and their subdisciplines, as well as their mutual relations. Knows basic terminology in the field of political science and related fields.	lists the principles of functioning of political systems in the Polish dimension, European and global, - can list and describe the basic institutions of power of the countries he learns, - is able to assign competences to various types of authorities in the discussed areas countries, - describes the basic political and social organizations in selected countries.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLL3_U03] Is able to analyse and describe the genesis and course of social, political, economic, legal, ethical and cultural processes and phenomena in historical terms and in the contemporary country and the world.	analyzes and explains political processes and phenomena using knowledge theoretical, - describes the principles and values of a democratic or non-democratic state and actively participates in classes, - characterizes the relationships between politics and phenomena and processes historical, economic, social and cultural, and also evaluates keeping them critical.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLL3_U05] Can determine the mechanisms of functioning of political organisations, including planning and organising the work of oneself and the team, preparing social, political, economic and civic projects (including those involving cooperation with other people), taking into account legal and political aspects in the field of social sciences politics, independently supplementing knowledge and obtaining information, using various sources and technological possibilities.	analyzes and explains political processes and phenomena using knowledge theoretical, - describes the principles and values of a democratic or non-democratic state and actively participates in classes, - characterizes the relationships between politics and phenomena and processes historical, economic, social and cultural, and also evaluates keeping them critical.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLL3_U02] Can analyse and explain political processes and phenomena using theoretical knowledge.	analyzes and explains political processes and phenomena using knowledge theoretical, - describes the principles and values of a democratic or non-democratic state and actively participates in classes, - characterizes the relationships between politics and phenomena and processes historical, economic, social and cultural, and also evaluates keeping them critical.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLL3_U06] Can explain and describe the principles and values of a democratic state and actively participate in public discourse.	analyzes and explains political processes and phenomena using knowledge theoretical, - describes the principles and values of a democratic or non-democratic state and actively participates in classes, - characterizes the relationships between politics and phenomena and processes historical, economic, social and cultural, and also evaluates keeping them critical.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLL3_U10] Can analyse and evaluate the process of governing and decision-making and see their consequences.	analyzes and explains political processes and phenomena using knowledge theoretical, - describes the principles and values of a democratic or non-democratic state and actively participates in classes, - characterizes the relationships between politics and phenomena and processes historical, economic, social and cultural, and also evaluates keeping them critical.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written

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	[POLL3_U08] Can use research methods and techniques to describe and analyse political phenomena.	analyzes and explains political processes and phenomena using knowledge theoretical, - describes the principles and values of a democratic or non-democratic state and actively participates in classes, - characterizes the relationships between politics and phenomena and processes historical, economic, social and cultural, and also evaluates keeping them critical.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLL3_W15] Has advanced knowledge of important structures, processes and phenomena related to the history of Poland, Europe, and the world.	lists the principles of functioning of political systems in the Polish dimension, European and global, - can list and describe the basic institutions of power of the countries he learns, - is able to assign competences to various types of authorities in the discussed areas countries, - describes the basic political and social organizations in selected countries.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLL3_W13] Has advanced knowledge of the mass media and their role in society.	lists the principles of functioning of political systems in the Polish dimension, European and global, - can list and describe the basic institutions of power of the countries he learns, - is able to assign competences to various types of authorities in the discussed areas countries, - describes the basic political and social organizations in selected countries.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLL3_W07] Has advanced knowledge of the state, politics and law, as well as the principles of functioning of political systems in the Polish, European and global dimensions.	lists the principles of functioning of political systems in the Polish dimension, European and global, - can list and describe the basic institutions of power of the countries he learns, - is able to assign competences to various types of authorities in the discussed areas countries, - describes the basic political and social organizations in selected countries.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLL3_K07] Has a need to supplement, expand and improve acquired knowledge and skills.	can cooperate in a group and even act as a group leader, - characterizes work in public organizations and institutions, including public bodies public administration, political parties and other national organizations i international, - argues the need for lifelong learning.	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLL3_W14] Has extended knowledge of the political organization of societies, transformation processes and relations and bonds at the local, regional and global levels in the scope of the selected module (specialization).	lists the principles of functioning of political systems in the Polish dimension, European and global, - can list and describe the basic institutions of power of the countries he learns, - is able to assign competences to various types of authorities in the discussed areas countries, - describes the basic political and social organizations in selected countries.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written

Subject contents	1. Organizational activities 2. Social system and political system -definitions and classifications of the social and political system -political system in terms of institutional-structural, behavioral-functional, normative and cybernetic theories -functions of the political system. 3. Classification of political systems -assumptions and challenges of classifying political systems -criteria for the classification of political systems (type of political regime, political and political solutions, administrative division of the state, structure of political competition in the state) 4. Parliamentarism and presidentialism as types of political systems 5. Sociopolitical division as the basis for shaping parties and party systems -sociopolitical division -political parties and their families - party systems and their importance for political systems -electoral systems. 6. The judiciary and its importance for political systems -tasks and principles of the judiciary -types of courts -political nature of the judiciary. 7. Local government.		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	egzam	51.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	1. Systemy polityczne. Podręcznik akademicki, tom I, (red.) M. Bankowicz, B. Kosakowska-Gąstoł, Kraków 2019. 2. Demokracje zachodnioeuropejskie. Analiza porównawcza, (red.) A. Antoszewski, R. Herbut, Wrocław 2008. 3. Demokracje Europy Środkowo-Wschodniej w perspektywie porównawczej, (red.) A. Antoszewski, R. Herbut, Wrocław 1997 4. Współczesne systemy polityczne, (red.) M. Żmigrodzki, B. Dziemidok-Olszewska, Warszawa 2013.	

Supplementary literature	1. W. Sadurski, Pandemia populistów, Kraków 2024. 2. A. Domosławski, Rewolucja nie ma końca. Podróże w krainie buntu i nadziei. Warszawa 2024. 3. A. Applebaum, Koncern autokracja. Dyktatorzy, którzy chcą rządzić światem, Warszawa 2024. 4. D. Plecka, O gentelmenach w polityce. Demokracja otwarta a polityczne kompetencje obywatelskie w kontekście kryzysu demokracji i prób jego przezwyciężenia, Toruń 2023. 5. F. Zakaria, Przyszłość wolności. Nieliberalna demokracja w Stanach Zjednoczonych i na świecie, Warszawa 2018. 6. Y. Mounk, Lud kontra demokracja. Dlaczego nasza wolność jest w niebezpieczeństwie i jak ją ocalić, Warszawa 2019. 7. M. Albright, Faszyzm. Ostrzeżenie, Warszawa 2018. 8. F. Fukuyama, Tożsamość. Współczesna polityka tożsamościowa i walka o uznanie, Poznań 2019. 9. F. Fukuyama, Ład polityczny i polityczny regres. Od rewolucji przemysłowej do globalizacji demokracji, Poznań 2015. 10. T. W. Adorno, Nowy prawicowy radykalizm, Kraków 2020. 11. M. Sandel, Tyrania merytokracji. Co się stało z dobrem wspólnym, Warszawa 2020. 12. I. Krastew, S. Holmes, Światło, które zgasło. Jak Zachód zawiódł swoich wyznawców, Warszawa 2019. 13. S. Levitsky, D. Ziblatt, Tak umierają demokracje, Warszawa 2018. 14. M. Matczak, Jak wychować rapera, Kraków 2021. 15. P. Rosanvallon, Dobre rządy, Warszawa 2015. 16. P. Rosanvallon, Kontrdemokracja, Wrocław 2011. 17. C. Kościelniak, Frunze w meczecie, Poznań 2016. 18. H. Arendt, Kryzys republiki, Warszawa 2022. 19. T. G. Ash, Obrona liberalizmu. Eseje o wolności, wojnie i Europie, Warszawa 2022. 20. E. Matynia, Demokracja performatywna, Wrocław 2008. 21. J. Armbruster, Arabska wiosna, Wrocław 2011. 22. M. von Dalen, Kalifat albo śmierć, Poznań 2017. 23. M. Babić, Polityka bezpieczeństwa państw Bałkanów Zachodnich, Toruń 2019. 24. Wyzwania Europy Środkowo-Wschodniej, (red.) E. Dziwak, A. Robak, Z. Sielska, Toruń 2021. 25. Sz. Niedziela, Fundamentalizm muzułmański w Algierii. Znaczenie wewnętrzne i oddziaływanie międzynarodowe, Toruń 2013. 26. S. Gardocki, Od Związku Radzieckiego do Federacji Rosyjskiej. Sto lat polityki zagranicznej wobec Bliskiego Wschodu, Toruń 2022. 27. K. Chołaszczyński, Etnopolityka jako funkcjonalny element kształtujący system polityczny Republiki Zimbabwe, Toruń 2014.
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		1. Myśl krytyczna wobec ruchów nacjonalistycznych i skrajnie prawicowych, (red.) K. Bielińska, Warszawa 2021.
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	What is a political system according to David Easton? Features of liberal democracy. T he importance of the separation of powers for the consolidation of democracy.	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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