

Subject card

Subject name and code	Political Research Methods and Techniques, PG_00149138						
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		3.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		credit		
Conducting unit	Division of Political Theory -> Institute of Political Science -> Faculty of Social Sciences -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Dominik Bień				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	0.0	30.0	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		50.0	80
Subject objectives	The purpose of the course is to familiarize students with the methods and techniques used to correctly identify, describe and explain political phenomena, as well as to identify existing theories that describe social and political reality.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[POLL3_U14] Can prepare oral presentations on specific issues using sources and theoretical approaches.	Has the ability to give oral presentations on theories, research methods and techniques and also apply these tools to specific projects	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SU8] observation of student's independent or team work
	[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.	Knows how to critically evaluate social, political, cultural and other realities based on theories and research paradigms in political science and social and economic sciences	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SK8] observation of student's independent or team work
	[POLL3_W10] Has advanced knowledge of political sciences research methodology and its relations with other disciplines of social sciences and humanities.	Has knowledge including paradigms, theories, methods and techniques in the social sciences and humanities and understands their relationships and relations to techniques in the political sciences	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
	[POLL3_W08] Has advanced knowledge about democracy, civil society, political culture and the essence of public discourse in historical and contemporary terms.	Has knowledge of the formation of specific paradigms and theories in the social sciences in the context of their emergence and formation corresponding to the overall political reality	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
	[POLL3_U08] Can use research methods and techniques to describe and analyse political phenomena.	Has the ability to use research methods and techniques, both quantitative and qualitative, to analyze current political life at home and abroad	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SU8] observation of student's independent or team work
	[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.	Has knowledge related to political science, sub-disciplines of political science, methods, theories and concepts used in them	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
	[POLL3_K04] Is prepared to work in public organisations and institutions, including public administration bodies, political parties and other national and international organisations.	Is prepared to work in public institutions in the context of applying specific research methods and techniques	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SK4] test/exam - oral or written [SK8] observation of student's independent or team work
	[POLL3_U01] Can correctly interpret and explain the behaviour of individuals and social groups in social life, especially political life.	Using methods and theories from the political and social sciences, he is able to identify the intentions and behavior of political actors, both collective and individual	[SU8] observation of student's independent or team work
	[POLL3_K07] Has a need to supplement, expand and improve acquired knowledge and skills.	Understands the need to acquire and expand knowledge related to political science, social science theory and political philosophy	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SK8] observation of student's independent or team work
	[POLL3_K05] Recognises the need to maintain an appropriate ethical attitude in professional work and public activities.	Adopts a proper ethical attitude in his research and social and professional activities	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SK8] observation of student's independent or team work
	[POLL3_U13] Can prepare written works on specific issues using sources and theoretical approaches.	Knows how to prepare written papers, especially thesis papers using research questions, hypotheses, objectives, editorial apparatus	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[POLL3_K06] Is ready to recognize and respect different points of view determined by different political, cultural and social backgrounds.	Based on paradigms in the social sciences, he understands the multifaceted theoretical and viewpoints in the social sciences and does not close himself to one particular trend	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SK8] observation of student's independent or team work

Subject contents	The aims, scope and subject matter of political science research. The political scientists toolkit; relevant literature. Methodology fundamental issues. The specific nature of political science research. Selected methodological and theoretical approaches in the social sciences, humanities and political science. Qualitative research methods. Quantitative research methods. Major explanatory theories. Techniques for gathering source material. Critique of sources. Methods for processing source material. Editing of dissertations		
Prerequisites and co-requisites	a basic understanding of the concepts and methods associated with political science		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	Activity	10.0%	10.0%
	Project	100.0%	20.0%
	writing project	51.0%	70.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature Babbie E., Badania społeczne w praktyce, Warszawa 2020. Denzin N. K.; Lincoln Y. S., Metody badań jakościowych, t. 1,2; Warszawa 2009 Jemielniak D., Badania jakościowe; Metody i narzędzia, t. 2, Warszawa 2012. Nocon J., Laska A., Teoria polityki; Wprowadzenie, Warszawa 2010. Marsh D., Stoker G., Teorie i metody w naukach politycznych, Krakow 2006.		

	Supplementary literature	Bäcker R. i in., Metodologia badań politologicznych, Warszawa 2016. Creswell J. W., Projektowanie badań naukowych; Metody jakościowe, ilościowe i mieszane, Krakow 2013. Domańska E., Pomorski J., Wprowadzenie do metodologii historii, Warszawa 2023 Eco U., Jak pisać prace dyplomowa. Poradnik dla humanistów, Warszawa 2007. Mackiewicz J., Jak pisać teksty naukowe, Gdansk 1995. Chalmers A., Czym jest to, co zwiemy nauka? Wrocław 1997. Klementewicz T., Rozumienie polityki. Zarys metodologii nauki o polityce, Warszawa 2010. Nowak S., Metodologia badań społecznych, Warszawa 2007. Studia europejskie. Zagadnienia metodologiczne, red. K.A. Wojtaszczyk, W. Jakubowski, Warszawa 2010. Zukowski A., Politologia jako dyscyplina naukowa i kierunek kształcenia. Zarys problematyki, Olsztyn 2006 Gibbs G., Analizowanie danych jakościowych. Niezbędnik badacza, Warszawa 2011 Charmaz K., Teoria ugruntowana; Praktyczny przewodnik po analizie jakościowej, Warszawa 2009 Jarząbek M., Podręcznik do historii mówionej, Warszawa 2024
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	- what fundamental paradigms and theories have emerged in the humanities, social sciences and political science; - what basic quantitative and qualitative methods are used in the social sciences; - how to edit a dissertation correctly; - how to find suitable sources for a dissertation.	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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