

Subject card

Subject name and code	Introduction to Political Science, PG_00147337						
Field of study	Political Studies						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject		2025/2026		
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	1		Language of instruction		Polish		
Semester of study	1		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		mgr Piotr Topolski				
			dr Dominik Bień				
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 phenomena related to the occurrence of politics in modern societies; to acquire the basic scientific categories of political science, as well as to understand politics, its importance and the role it plays in the life of the citizen.In addition, the specific goal is to discuss the basic issues necessary to understand the mechanisms of politics, as well as to prepare students theoretically to understand the topics of other subjects in subsequent semesters of study.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[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 the fundamentals of political science, basic concepts and sub-disciplines (such as methodology, history of political thought, international relations, political systems)	[SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SW2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[POLL3_U10] Can analyse and evaluate the process of governing and decision-making and see their consequences.	He is able to perform the process of analysis and political decision-making in the context of current political activities, but also the history of political structures both in Poland and abroad	[SU8] observation of student's independent or team work
	[POLL3_K06] Is ready to recognize and respect different points of view determined by different political, cultural and social backgrounds.	Able to recognize and adjust to working with people with different political views, belonging to other cultures and classes and social groups	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SK2] presentation/project/paper/report [SK8] observation of student's independent or team work
	[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).	Has knowledge of the organization of society especially in the historical context (since the 19th century) in Europe including Poland and the relationship between global, national and local structures	[SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SW2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[POLL3_K05] Recognises the need to maintain an appropriate ethical attitude in professional work and public activities.	Recognizes, on the basis of accepted models from public, political and scientific life, the ethical attitude proper to deep humanism and the ethos of the Polish intelligentsia as a social class	[SK8] observation of student's independent or team work
	[POLL3_U06] Can explain and describe the principles and values of a democratic state and actively participate in public discourse.	Able to recognize the key principles and mechanisms that govern public life and can participate in it	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SU2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[POLL3_U01] Can correctly interpret and explain the behaviour of individuals and social groups in social life, especially political life.	Knows how to recognize the mechanisms that govern the actions of groups and individuals at the micro and macro levels	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SU2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[POLL3_W04] Has advanced knowledge of the role and importance of political and social participation of an individual in the functioning of political entities.	Has knowledge of the individual as a political subject within the framework of the concept of homo politicus, among others	[SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SW2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[POLL3_W11] Has advanced knowledge of the origin and evolution of political norms organizing social structures and institutions relevant to politics, including legal and ethical issues in the field of intellectual property and copyright protection.	Has knowledge related to the formation of political reality from ancient times, through the Renaissance to the modern era	[SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SW2] presentation/project/paper/report [SW3] text preparation/written work
	[POLL3_W08] Has advanced knowledge about democracy, civil society, political culture and the essence of public discourse in historical and contemporary terms.	Has knowledge related to the formation of democracy since the nineteenth century and also its contemporary situation in the global context as well as the existing social and economic divisions	[SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SW2] presentation/project/paper/report [SW3] text preparation/written work
	[POLL3_K07] Has a need to supplement, expand and improve acquired knowledge and skills.	Has the need to develop his knowledge related to political science and political life in general	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion

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	[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.	Has knowledge related to the relationship between economics and politics based on classical philosophical, political and economic thought	[SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SW3] text preparation/written work
	[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.	Has knowledge of the history of the state, law, politics, political ideologies, etc.	[SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SW2] presentation/project/paper/report [SW3] text preparation/written work
	[POLL3_U02] Can analyse and explain political processes and phenomena using theoretical knowledge.	Is able, on the basis of theoretical premises acquired, to analyze selected political processes based, for example, on economic, cultural and political changes	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SU2] presentation/project/paper/report [SU3] text preparation/written work
Subject contents	Problems of exercisesPolitical science as a science and politics as a phenomenon.Basic research methods in the social sciences.Subjectivity, political actors, elite theories and interest group theories. Political systems and power.Political ideologies.Political parties and party systems.Social and political movements.The role of the individual in political life.Political culture and its determinants.Persuasive communication in politics.Ethics in politics.		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	paper	51.0%	70.0%
	student activity	100.0%	15.0%
	presentation	51.0%	15.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature Heywood A., Politologia, Warszawa 2006. Heywood A., Ideologie polityczne; Wprowadzenie, Warszawa 2003. Meller A., Radomski G., Wojdyło W., Antologia współczesnej polskiej myśli politycznej, Toruń 2013. Palczyński T., Nowe ruchy społeczne, Kraków 2010. Tomczak Ł., Partie polityczne. Struktury, programy, kampanie, Warszawa 2014 A. Antoszewski, R. Herbut red., Leksykon politologii, Warszawa 1996 J. Nocon, A. Laska, Teoria polityki. Wprowadzenie, Warszawa 2005		

	Supplementary literature	Platon, Państwo, wiele wydań K. Marks, F. Engels, Manifest Komunistyczny, wiele wydań M. Weber, Polityka jako zawód i powołanie, Kraków 1998 A. Tocqueville, O demokracji w Ameryce, Warszawa 1976 C. W. Mills, Elita Władzy, Warszawa 1961
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	- what basic political ideologies we distinguish and what they are characterized by- what research methods are used in the social sciences- who is homo politicus- how social movements and political parties can be categorized	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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