

Subject card

Subject name and code	Methodology of Political Research, PG_00147578						
Field of study	Political Studies						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject		2025/2026		
Education level	Master'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 Contemporary History and Political Thought -> Institute of Political Science -> Faculty of Social Sciences -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr hab. Arkadiusz Modrzejewski				
	Teachers		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		45.0	75
Subject objectives	To familiarize students with key issues in the field of methodology and philosophy of science, in particular the methodology and philosophy of political science.						
	Creating the basis for a critical (meta-scientific) analysis of research procedures in political science.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[POLMU2_K02] Is aware of the level of his/her knowledge and skills, understands the need for continuous professional development and performs a self-assessment of his/her own competences determining his/her place and role on the labour market.	a student argues the need for lifelong learning	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
	[POLMU2_U12] Can recognize the relations between political organizations and institutions on a national and international scale.	a student correctly explains the behavior of individuals and social groups in social life, especially political life	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
	[POLMU2_U01] Is able to describe and evaluate political life from the perspective of various theoretical and doctrinal approaches.	the student chooses a specific methodological and theoretical strategy	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
	[POLMU2_K07] Is able to independently and critically supplement knowledge and skills extended by an interdisciplinary dimension.	a student expresses the need to supplement further, expand, and improve the acquired knowledge and skills, critically referring to various types of source materials	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SK8] observation of student's independent or team work
	[POLMU2_W14] Has advanced knowledge of theoretical and methodological trends in political science research.	a student can indicate and evaluate methodological approaches in political science as well as their relationship with other disciplines within humanities and social sciences.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLMU2_W01] Has advanced and structured knowledge of political science and its subdisciplines, as well as their mutual relationships.	a student knows the sub-disciplines of political science and their methodological specificity	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[POLMU2_U11] Can use various research methods and techniques and shape and develop his/her own research workshop.	the student uses research methods and techniques to describe and analyze political phenomena and find justification for his or her own research practice	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SU4] test/exam - oral or written	
Subject contents	Science of learning characteristics. Philosophical foundations of science. Determinants of scientific cognition. Epistemological issues as a crucial problem in the philosophy of science. The importance and nature of language in scientific cognition. Theories of the development of science. Political science in the world of social sciences. The essence of political science. Key philosophical and methodological problems in political science. The importance of theory in political science. Selected methodological and theoretical orientations in political science. Forecasting in political science research.		
Prerequisites and co-requisites	The student should have knowledge of such subjects as Methods and techniques of political science or related research and Philosophy.		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	test	51.0%	75.0%
	activity and presence	90.0%	25.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	J. March, J. Olson, Elaborating the New Institutionalism, Working Paper, Centre of European Studies, 2005, no. 11.	
	Supplementary literature	Bauer, G. R., Churchill, S. M., Mahendran, M., Walwyn, C., Lizotte, D., Villa-Rueda, A. A., "Intersectionality in quantitative research: A systematic review of its emergence and applications of theory and methods," SSM - Population Health, Volume 14, 2021.	
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	LMethods and techniques used in institutionalism. Historical approach in political science.		
Work placement	Not applicable		

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