

Subject card

Subject name and code	Political Decision Making, PG_00149432						
Field of study	Political Studies						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject		2026/2027		
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	2		Language of instruction		Polish		
Semester of study	4		ECTS credits		3.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		exam		
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_W05] Has advanced knowledge of specific policies at the local, regional, and global level.	Knows the theoretical concepts explaining political decision-making.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLMU2_W04] Has an advanced knowledge of the mechanisms of functioning of political power.	Identifies the conditions of making political decisions.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLMU2_W15] Has advanced knowledge of the relations between organizations and political institutions at national and international level.	Knows the conditions for making political decisions.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[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_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_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
	[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_W08] Has an advanced knowledge of the mechanisms of social perception of politics.	Characterizes individual elements of political decision-making.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLMU2_W07] Has an advanced level of knowledge of the mechanisms of political participation.	Analyzes the mechanisms of political decision-making.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLMU2_W06] Has advanced knowledge of the threats and challenges facing politics, including the principles of creating and developing forms of individual entrepreneurship.	Describes the realities of political decision-making.	[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_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_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_W12] Has advanced knowledge about political movements and pressure groups.	Knows the political conditions for making political decisions.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written

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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 and decision-making processes. Models of decision-making process in systemic decision analysis.								
Prerequisites and co-requisites	no entry requirements								
Assessment methods and criteria	<table><tr><th>Subject passing criteria</th><th>Passing threshold</th><th>Percentage of the final grade</th></tr><tr><td>oral statement</td><td>51.0%</td><td>100.0%</td></tr></table>	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade	oral statement	51.0%	100.0%		
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Recommended reading	Basic literature	Czajowski A., <i>Decydowanie w polityce</i> , Atla 2, Wrocław 2013. Pietraś Z.J., <i>Decydowanie polityczne</i> , PWN, Warszawa 2012. <i>Procedury decyzyjne Unii Europejskiej</i> , red. J. Galster, A. Szczerba, wyd. 2, EuroPrawo, 2022.							
	Supplementary literature	Bieleń S., <i>Negocjacje w stosunkach międzynarodowych</i> , Wyd. ASPRA 2013. Bodnar A., <i>Decyzje polityczne. Elementy teorii</i> , PWN Warszawa 1985. <i>Gabinety polityczne. Narzędzie skutecznego rządzenia</i> , red. D. Bach-Golecka, Wydawca: Ośrodek Myśli Politycznej 2007. Komarnicki H., <i>Decyzje polityczne i proces decyzyjny, [w:] Wprowadzenie do nauki o państwie i polityce</i> , red. B. Szmulik, M. Żmigrodzki, Lublin 2007. Kotarba B., <i>Modele procesu decyzyjnego w systemowej analizie decyzyjnej</i> , Polityka i Społeczeństwo 4(20) / 2022, s. 148-159. Rydlewski G., <i>O skutecznym działaniu w polityce</i> , Warszawa 2004. Rydlewski G., <i>Rządzenie w świecie megazmian</i> , Warszawa 2009. Tosiek P., <i>Komitologia. Szczególny rodzaj decydowania politycznego w Unii Europejskiej</i> , UMCS, 2017.							
	eResources addresses								
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	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.								
Work placement	Not applicable								