

Subject card

Subject name and code	Political Sociology, PG_00149424						
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	2		ECTS credits		3.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		credit		
Conducting unit							
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr hab. Jakub Potulski				
	Teachers		dr hab. Jakub Potulski				
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		45.0	75
Subject objectives	The aim of the political sociology course is to introduce students to issues of the social determinants of political phenomena. It aims at a better understanding of the determinants of political phenomena by relating them to structural, cultural and historical conditions and to the actions taken by individual and collective actors under these conditions. The most important links between the political sphere and other social institutions will be analysed.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[POLMU2_U13] Is able to analyse the results of public opinion surveys and use their results to shape political attitudes and manage work.	.	[SU3] text preparation/written work [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLMU2_W04] Has an advanced knowledge of the mechanisms of functioning of political power.	.	[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion [SW3] text preparation/written work
	[POLMU2_U11] Can use various research methods and techniques and shape and develop his/her own research workshop.	.	[SU3] text preparation/written work [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLMU2_U01] Is able to describe and evaluate political life from the perspective of various theoretical and doctrinal approaches.	.	[SU3] text preparation/written work [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLMU2_U02] Has the ability to analyze the mechanisms of political power.	.	[SU3] text preparation/written work [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[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.	.	[SU3] text preparation/written work [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLMU2_K01] Is prepared to actively participate in the public and political life of the civil society at various levels of participation.	.	[SK3] text preparation/written work [SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLMU2_W07] Has an advanced level of knowledge of the mechanisms of political participation.	.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW3] text preparation/written work
	[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.	.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU3] text preparation/written work
	[POLMU2_U12] Can recognize the relations between political organizations and institutions on a national and international scale.	.	[SU3] text preparation/written work [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLMU2_K05] Can work in teams implementing social projects.	.	[SK3] text preparation/written work [SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLMU2_W12] Has advanced knowledge about political movements and pressure groups.	.	[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion [SW3] text preparation/written work
	[POLMU2_K07] Is able to independently and critically supplement knowledge and skills extended by an interdisciplinary dimension.	.	[SK3] text preparation/written work [SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLMU2_K03] Is prepared to function in an information society, can collect, use, and process information in the public sphere.	.	[SK3] text preparation/written work [SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLMU2_U06] Can identify mechanisms of political perception and assess their effectiveness.	.	[SU3] text preparation/written work [SU4] test/exam - oral or written

Subject contents	1 Sociology of politics - the social foundations of politics;2. Power as a social phenomenon - M. Weber3 Legitimation of power - M. Weber, D. Easton, D. Beethnam;4. ideological hegemony - A. Gramsci, L. Althusser;5. Knowledge-power - M.Foucault6. Symbolic violence - P. Bourdieu; 7.7 Culture and politics - political culture and political socialisation - G. Almond, S. Verba;8. Social capital and trust - R. Putnam, N. Luhmann, P. Sztompka;9. Social structure and politics - social class theory - K. Marx, R. Dahrendorf;10. Oligarchisation of power and elite theory - Ch. Mills; 11.11. Feminist theory;12. Reproduction of social order - P. Bourdieu;13. Historical sociology - the rise of the nation state - M. Weber, Ch. Tilly;14. Social revolutions - Th. Skocpol;15. Socio-political cleavages - S. Rokkan and S. Lipset.		
Prerequisites and co-requisites	Znajomość podstawowych pojęć z zakresu socjologii.		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
		51.0%	70.0%
		60.0%	30.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	Potulski, J., (2011) <i>Wprowadzenie do socjologii stosunków politycznych</i> , Gdańsk Wydawnictwo UG; Lipset, S., (1995) <i>Spoleczne podstawy polityki</i> , Warszawa: Wydawnictwo PWN; Wiatr, J.J. (1999) <i>Socjologia polityki</i> , Warszawa <i>Handbook of political sociology</i> , (2005) ed. T. Janoski, Cambridge;	
	Supplementary literature	<i>Elity, demokracja, wybory</i> , (1993) wybór i opracowanie J. Szczupaczynski, Warszawa. <i>Władza i społeczeństwo: antologia tekstów z zakresu socjologii polityki t.1</i> , (1995) wybór i opracowanie. J. Szczupaczynski, Warszawa; <i>Władza i społeczeństwo: antologia tekstów z zakresu socjologii polityki t.2</i> , (1998) wybór i opracowanie. J. Szczupaczynski, Warszawa	
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed			
Work placement	Not applicable		

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