

Subject card

Subject name and code	Local power elites, PG_00147630						
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 Optional subject group		
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		credit		
Conducting unit							
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr hab. Jarosław Nocoń				
	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		45.0	75
Subject objectives	Familiarization with the processes of political structuring of society and the most important theories of political elites. Acquiring the ability to analyze political structures and the characteristics and role of elites and political leadership.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[POLMU2_W07] Has an advanced level of knowledge of the mechanisms of political participation.	Knows importance of political participations for democracy	[SW2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[POLMU2_W05] Has advanced knowledge of specific policies at the local, regional, and global level.	-	[SW2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[POLMU2_W04] Has an advanced knowledge of the mechanisms of functioning of political power.	-	[SW2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[POLMU2_K01] Is prepared to actively participate in the public and political life of the civil society at various levels of participation.	Knows paths of political carriers and their conditions	[SK2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[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.	-	[SK2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[POLMU2_U03] Can characterise detailed policies and relations between them at different levels of political decision-making.	Knows structure of public policy in local governments	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[POLMU2_U10] Can assess the roles and significance of political movements and pressure groups.	Knows importance of political organization entity and agency	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[POLMU2_W02] has ordered and in-depth detailed knowledge of a selected module (specialization) in the field of political sciences.	Knows processes of political structurations of society	[SW2] presentation/project/paper/report
Subject contents	1. Between hierarchy and equality. Theories of social structuring 2. basic assumptions of elitism 3. classic and contemporary theories of elites 4. elitism and elitism 5. political elites and democracy 6. locality as a criterion of the scope of power 7. Functions of local power elites 8. Political competences of local activists 9. Recruitment criteria and career paths of political elites 10. Political capital of local activists 11. Parties in local politics 12. Forms of residents' political activity and participation		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	paper or presentation on given topic	50.0%	100.0%

Recommended reading	Basic literature	J. Nocoń, Elity polityczne. Studium interpretacji funkcjonalnej, Toruń 2005. Bartkowski J., Lokalne elity władzy w Polsce 1966-1995, Warszawa 1996. A. Szczudlińska-Kanoś, Regionalne elity polityczne w Polsce, Kraków 2013. Powiatowa elita polityczna, red. J. Wasilewski, Warszawa 2006. B. Tuziak, Elity władz gminnych wobec przemian systemowych, Rzeszów 2003. M. Hałamska, Reprodukacja czy wymiana? Przekształcenia lokalnych elit politycznych w Polsce w latach 1990-1998. Warszawa 2001. C. W. Mills, Elita władzy, Warszawa 1961.
	Supplementary literature	Władza lokalna w warunkach demokracji, red. J. J. Wiatr, Warszawa 1998 A. Ptak, Rywalizacja polityczna w samorządach lokalnych. Studium wybranych gmin, Poznań Kalisz 2011. C. Nowakowski, A. Ptak, Lokalne elity władzy w Polsce u progu zmian ustrojowych,
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	What is the political elite? What are the criteria for locality? What conditions do you know about the processes of political structuring of society? Local government in Poland? What are the forms of local political activity? Which favors a political career in local government structures?	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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