

Subject card

Subject name and code	The judiciary and law protection authorities in Poland against the background of contemporary constitutional standards - lecture, PG_00137931						
Field of study	Władza sądownicza i organy ochrony prawa w Polsce na tle współczesnych standardów ustrojowych - wykład						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject		2029/2030		
Education level	uniform Master's studies		Subject group		Optional subject group		
Mode of study	full-time studies		Mode of delivery		at the university		
Year of study	5		Language of instruction		Polish		
Semester of study	9		ECTS credits		3.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		exam		
Conducting unit	Department of Constitutional Law and Political Institutions -> Faculty of Law and Administration -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Aleksandra Szydzik				
	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						
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 course is to deepen students' knowledge of the functioning of the judiciary and institutions responsible for the protection of law in the Republic of Poland. The course seeks to present their position and role within the system of separation of powers, as well as to analyze their competencies and relationships with other state authorities. A key element of the course is the comparison of Polish constitutional solutions with international standardsparticularly those developed by the European Union, the Council of Europe, and the case law of the European Court of Human Rights and the Court of Justice of the European Union. Students will develop the ability to critically access contemporary challenges faced by the judiciary and law enforcement institutions, especially in the context of the rule of law and the protection of human rights.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[PRAWOJ5_WK10] has an in-depth knowledge of the principles of ethical and appropriate communication in legal and legal language	The student has an in-depth knowledge and understanding of the legal provisions concerning the structure and competences of the judiciary and law enforcement authorities in Poland, as well as their functioning in the context of contemporary constitutional standards and situations involving violations of the law.	[SW1] wypowiedź ustna/rozmowa/dyskusja
	[PRAWOJ5_UW05] is able to perceive and analyse moral dilemmas, generate solutions and justify the positions adopted	The student has an in-depth knowledge and understanding of the legal provisions concerning the structure and competences of the judiciary and law enforcement authorities in Poland, as well as their functioning in the context of contemporary constitutional standards and situations involving violations of the law.	[SU1] wypowiedź ustna/rozmowa/dyskusja
	[PRAWOJ5_WG05] identifies in depth the various forms of social life, including the rights and duties of individuals in different contexts, with particular reference to the phenomena of violation of the law and their consequences	The student has an in-depth knowledge and understanding of the meaning, nature, and scope of the right to a fair trial	[SW4] test/egzamin - ustny lub pisemny
	[PRAWOJ5_WK09] has an in-depth knowledge of legal institutions and constructions specific to various fields of law, including selected specific areas of law discussed in the course of study	The student has an in-depth knowledge and understanding of the legal provisions concerning the structure and competences of the judiciary and law enforcement authorities in Poland, as well as their functioning in the context of contemporary constitutional standards and situations involving violations of the law.	[SW4] test/egzamin - ustny lub pisemny
	[PRAWOJ5_KO03] is ready to actively participate in entities carrying out professional activities related to law	The student has an in-depth knowledge and understanding of the legal provisions concerning the structure and competences of the judiciary and law enforcement authorities in Poland, as well as their functioning in the context of contemporary constitutional standards and situations involving violations of the law.	[SK8] obserwacja samodzielnej lub zespołowej pracy studenta
Subject contents	The Structure of the Judiciary in the Republic of Poland The Right to a Fair Trial and Its Guarantees Can Everyone Truly Enforce Their Rights? The Supreme Court Guardian of the Law or a Player in Political Conflict? The National Council of the Judiciary and Its Role in Ensuring Judicial Independence and the Autonomy of Judges The Constitutional Tribunal The Constitutional Crisis and Its Impact on the System of Constitutional Review The Tribunal of State and Constitutional Accountability Why Does It Play a Marginal Role? The Prosecutors Office Searching for an Optimal Institutional Model		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	Exam	51.0%	95.0%
	Activity	100.0%	5.0%

Recommended reading	Basic literature	P. Tuleja (ed.) Polskie prawo konstytucyjne, Warsaw 2024. P. Tuleja, Geneza, rozwój i upadek sądownictwa konstytucyjnego w Polsce, Państwo i Prawo 2022, No. 10. L. Garlicki, Polskie prawo konstytucyjne. Zarys wykładu, Warsaw 2024. Ł. Bojarski, K. Grajewski, J. Kremer, G. Ott, W. Żurek (eds.), Konstytucja, praworządność, władza sądownicza: aktualne problemy trzeciej władzy w Polsce, Warsaw 2019. K. Grajewski, S. Steinborn, Ustawa o Trybunale Stanu. Komentarz, Warsaw 2020. P. Turek, Prokuratura w standardach prawnych Rady Europy, Warsaw 2022.
	Supplementary literature	L. Garlicki, Sądy po zmianach, Gdańskie Studia Prawnicze 2018, vol. 40. K. Grajewski, Dysfunctionality of the National Council of Judiciary in the Polish Constitutional System After Statutory Changes, Gdańskie Studia Prawnicze 2020, No. 4. A. Rytel-Warzocho, Jak nie Trybunał Konstytucyjny to co? O rozproszonej kontroli konstytucyjności prawa w Polsce, Przegląd Prawa Konstytucyjnego 2022, No. 3(67). M. Safjan, Trybunał Konstytucyjny po trzydziestu latach doświadczenie i przyszłość, Przegląd Konstytucyjny 2017, No. 1. Uziębło P., <i>Kilka uwag o reformowaniu Krajowej Rady Sądownictwa</i>, Iustitia. Kwartalnik Stowarzyszenia Sędziów Polskich 2017, No. 4. Sadurski W., <i>Polands Constitutional Breakdown</i>, Oxford 2019.
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed		
Work placement	Not applicable	

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