

Subject card

Subject name and code	Political Research Methods and Techniques, PG_00150618						
Field of study	Diplomacy						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject		2026/2027		
Education level	Bachelor'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	3		ECTS credits		2.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		credit		
Conducting unit	Division of Political Theory -> Institute of Political Science -> Faculty of Social Sciences -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Dominik Bień				
	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		30.0	60
Subject objectives	The purpose of the course is to familiarize students with the methods and techniques used to correctly identify, describe and explain political phenomena, as well as to identify existing theories that describe social and political reality.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[DYPL3_K07] Is ready to independently and critically expand knowledge and skills.	Understands the need to acquire and expand knowledge related to political science, social science theory and political philosophy	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SK8] observation of student's independent or team work
	[DYPL3_W01] Has advances knowledge of the fields of social sciences, in particular the sciences of politics and administration and its subdisciplines, as well as their mutual relations in the field of diplomacy.	Has knowledge including paradigms, theories, methods and techniques in the social sciences and humanities and understands their relationships and relations to techniques in the political sciences	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
	[DYPL3_U01] Is able to correctly interpret and explain the behaviour of individuals and social groups in social life, especially political life relating to diplomacy.	Using methods and theories from the political and social sciences, he is able to identify the intentions and behavior of political actors, both collective and individual	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SU8] observation of student's independent or team work
	[DYPL3_K06] Recognises the need to maintain an appropriate ethical attitude in professional work and public activities.	Adopts a proper ethical attitude in his research and social and professional activities	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SK8] observation of student's independent or team work
	[DYPL3_U08] Is aware of the relationships between politics, diplomacy and historical, economic, social and cultural phenomena and processes, and has the ability to assess them.	Knows how to critically evaluate social, political, cultural and other realities based on theories and research paradigms in political science and social and economic sciences	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SU8] observation of student's independent or team work
	[DYPL3_W10] Has advanced knowledge of the norms and rules (legal, organizational, ethical) that define social structures and institutions relevant to diplomacy.	Has knowledge of normative theories related to the formation of politics and international relations in both historical and contemporary contexts	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
	[DYPL3_U07] Can use research methods and techniques to describe and analyse phenomena occurring in the sphere of diplomacy.	Has the ability to use research methods and techniques, both quantitative and qualitative, to analyze current political life at home and abroad	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
Subject contents	The aims, scope and subject matter of political science research. The political scientists toolkit; relevant literature. Methodology fundamental issues. The specific nature of political science research. Selected methodological and theoretical approaches in the social sciences, humanities and political science. Qualitative research methods. Quantitative research methods. Major explanatory theories. Techniques for gathering source material. Critique of sources. Methods for processing source material. Editing of dissertations		
Prerequisites and co-requisites	no		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	student activity	100.0%	15.0%
	writing project	51.0%	15.0%
	test	51.0%	70.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	Babbie E., Badania społeczne w praktyce, Warszawa 2020. Jemielniak D., Badania jakościowe; Metody i narzędzia, t. 2, Warszawa 2012. Nocon J., Laska A., Teoria polityki; Wprowadzenie, Warszawa 2010. Marsh D., Stoker G., Teorie i metody w naukach politycznych, Krakow 2006. Denzin N. K.; Lincoln Y. S., Metody badań jakościowych, t. 1,2; Warszawa 2024	

	Supplementary literature	Creswell J. W., Projektowanie badan naukowych; Metody jakosciowe, ilosciowe i mieszane, Krakow 2013. Eco U., Jak pisac prace dyplomowa. Poradnik dla humanistow, Warszawa 2007. Mackiewicz J., Jak pisac teksty naukowe, Gdansk 1995. Chalmers A., Czym jest to, co zwiemy nauka? Wroclaw 1997. Klementewicz T., Rozumienie polityki. Zarys metodologii nauki o polityce, Warszawa 2010. Nowak S., Metodologia badan spolecznych, Warszawa 2007. Studia europejskie. Zagadnienia metodologiczne, red. K.A. Wojtaszczyk, W. Jakubowski, Warszawa 2010. Zukowski A., Politologia jako dyscyplina naukowa i kierunek ksztalcenia. Zarys problematyki, Olsztyn 2006 Gibbs G., Analizowanie danych jakosciowych. Niezbędnik badacza, Warszawa 2011 Charmaz K., Teoria ugruntowana; Praktyczny przewodnik po analizie jakosciowej, Warszawa 2009 Domańska E., Pomorski J., Wprowadzenie do metodologii historii, Warszawa 2023
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	- what basic paradigms and theories have been formed in the humanities, social and political sciences;- what basic quantitative and qualitative techniques are used in the social sciences;- how to properly edit a thesis;- how to find appropriate sources for a thesis.	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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