

Subject card

Subject name and code	Political History of Poland, PG_00147408						
Field of study	National Security						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject		2026/2027		
Education level	undergraduate studies		Subject group		Obligatory subject group in the field of study Humanistic-social 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	3		ECTS credits		1.0		
Learning profile	practical		Assessment form				
Conducting unit	Zakład Nauk o Bezpieczeństwie -> Instytut Politologii -> Faculty of Social Sciences -> Rektor						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr hab. Piotr Niwiński				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	15.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15
	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	15		0.0		15.0	30
Subject objectives	Familiarizing the student with the history of Poland in the 20th century and 21st century in the context of internal and international events affecting the ongoing changes and modifications of the political system						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[BNL3_W12] Has advanced knowledge of the place and role of Poland in international security systems.	Ma wiedzę o miejscu i roli Polski w systemach bezpieczeństwa międzynarodowego.	[SW3] text preparation/written work
	[BNL3_W02] Has in-depth knowledge about the state, power, politics and public administration. Knows the historical, social, economic, legal, ethical and cultural determinants of security activities.	Has in-depth knowledge about the state, power, politics and public administration. Knows the historical, social, economic, legal, ethical and cultural determinants of security activities	[SW3] text preparation/written work
	[BNL3_U18] Is prepared to actively participate in public life. Has skills in formulating opinions, takes positions and discusses.	Is prepared to actively participate in public life. Has skills in formulating opinions, takes positions and discusses	[SU3] text preparation/written work
	[BNL3_K03] Has a need to continue to complete his/her knowledge as well as expand and improve skills.	Has a need to further expand knowledge and expand and improve skills, while remaining critical	[SK3] text preparation/written work
	[BNL3_U03] Is able to define the role of the state, its institutions and policies in the sphere of national security. Uses knowledge to formulate solutions to problems in the field of security.	Is able to determine the role of the state, its institutions and policies in the sphere of national security. Uses acquired knowledge to formulate solutions to security problems.	[SU3] text preparation/written work
	[BNL3_U09] Is aware of social expectations regarding the adequacy of state actions in the context of identified threats to its functioning.	Recognizes social expectations regarding the adequacy of state actions against the background of identified threats to its functioning.	[SU3] text preparation/written work
	[BNL3_W01] Has advanced knowledge of the social, historical, economic and cultural determinants of security. Knows the practical application of this knowledge in professional activities in the field of security.	Has advanced knowledge of the social, historical, economic and cultural determinants of security. Knows the practical application of this knowledge in professional activities in the field of security.	[SW3] text preparation/written work
Subject contents	The basic events in the recent political history of Poland after World War II will be analyzed; the effects of the war on the formation of a new geopolitical order in Europe and the world, the political situation in the Soviet sphere of influence, the takeover of power in Poland by the communists and the construction of a new system, Stalinism in Polish, 1956 and its importance in the history of post-war Poland, the era of W. Gomułka and events related to it, E. Gierek's interrupted decade, August strikes and the signing of a new social contract, the road to martial law, the 1980s and the Round Table, the June elections and the beginning of the Third Polish Republic, political, social and economic changes in the 1990s, political and social life at the turn of the century. Issues of history at the beginning of the 21st century		
Prerequisites and co-requisites	Knowledge of Polish history at secondary school level		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	discussion	20.0%	20.0%
	essay	80.0%	80.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	P. Wieszczkiewicz, Political history of Poland 1935-1945, Warsaw 2005; W. Roszkowski, Historia Polski 1914-2005, Warszawa 2009; A. Garlicki, History 1939- 1996. Poland and the world, Warsaw 1997; A. Dudek, Political History of Poland 1989-2005, Kraków 2007; J. Eisler, Outline of the political history of Poland 1944-1989, Warsaw 1992, A. Czubiński, History of Poland of the 20th century, Poznań 2005; A. L. Sowa, From the Second to the Third Polish Republic, 1945-2001, Kraków 2001, A. Friszke, Poland - the fate of the state and nation 1939-1989, Warsaw 2003; M. Zaremba, Communism, legitimization, nationalism, Warsaw 2001.	

	Supplementary literature	A. Dudek, Rationed revolution. The breakdown of the communist dictatorship in Poland 1988-1990, Kraków 2004; A. Garlicki, Stalinizm, Warsaw 1993; W. Władyka, October 56, Warsaw 1994; Z. Landau, Gomułka's Poland, Warsaw 1995; A. Friszke, Polska Gierka, Warsaw 1995; J. Eisler, Polish months or crises in the Polish People's Republic, Warsaw 2008; A. Friszke, Adaptation and resistance. Studies in the history of the Polish People's Republic, Warsaw 2007; P. Osęka, March 68, Kraków 2008; A. Sobór-Świdorska, Jakub Berman. Biography of a communist, Warsaw 2009; From Piłsudski to Wałęsa. Studies in the history of Poland in the 20th century, Warsaw 2008; World War II, edited by K. Persak and P. Machcewicz, Warsaw 2010.
	eResources addresses	Adresy na platformie eNauczanie:
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	1. Creation of power and borders of Poland 1918-1923 2. Poland's international situation in the years 1923-1939 3. Economic, political and social changes in Poland in 1918-1939 4. Poland on the fronts of World War II 5. Structures and functioning of the Polish Underground State 6. The period of occupation exchange 1944-1948 - international situation (from Tehran to Fulton) 7. The period of replacement of the occupiers 1944-1948 - characteristics of the way the communists took power 8. Characteristics of the losses suffered by Poland in the period 1939-1956 9. Pacification of Polish society - 1945-1956 10. The "Gomułków region" period, 1956-1970 11. Polish "months" 12. The Gierek Decade 13. Solidarity "Festival". 14. The times of martial law - 1981-1989 15. The process of regaining full sovereignty after 1989	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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