

Subject card

Subject name and code	US political system, PG_00144833						
Field of study	American Studies						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject		2027/2028		
Education level	Bachelor's 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	3		Language of instruction		English		
Semester of study	6		ECTS credits		2.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		credit		
Conducting unit							
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Iwona Świątczak-Wasilewska				
	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		2.0		18.0	50
Subject objectives	This is an introductory course to the political system of the United States in a cultural and social context.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[AMERL3_K02] recognizes the importance of knowledge and skills in American Studies in solving cognitive and practical problems, and is ready to consult a research supervisor or mentor at the chosen workplace in case of difficulties in solving problems independently.	Students recognize that the knowledge and skills acquired during the course have a practical application in solving practical and cognitive problems. Students are ready to seek help and advice in the case of troubles with independent problem-solving.	[SK2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[AMERL3_W11] Knows and understands the basic interrelationships of American cultural and literary studies with other humanity studies and social sciences, including, in particular, knowledge of selected issues and basic terminology in American history, society, language, politics and art, constituting the basic contextual knowledge necessary for the study of North American cultural phenomena and processes.	Students know and understand basic connections between American political system and other human and social sciences, especially they know selected facts and terminology regarding American history, society, politics and English language, which constitute necessary contextual knowledge applied in cultural phenomena and processes observable in North America.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[AMERL3_K01] is ready to critically evaluate his knowledge and skills, especially in American cultural and literary studies, as well as the basic contextual knowledge of American studies concerning history, social sciences, geography, linguistics and art and English.	Students are ready to assess critically their skills in and the knowledge of American political system as well as their basic contextual knowledge of American studies with regard to history, social sciences and English language.	[SK3] text preparation/written work
	[AMERL3_U09] Is able to use and communicate knowledge of history, social sciences, geography, linguistics and the arts, providing a basic context in the study of North American cultural phenomena and processes.	Students are able to use and communicate their knowledge of american political system as a basic context in studying cultural phenomena and processes observable in North America.	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/report [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
Subject contents	Topics include: the US constitution, federalism, the president and Congress, the judiciary, political culture and society, political parties, the electoral system, US internal politics		
Prerequisites and co-requisites	B2 level English competency		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	written assignment	51.0%	20.0%
	class presentation	51.0%	50.0%
	test	51.0%	30.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	Noll, Mark A. God and Race in American Politics: A Short History. Princeton University Press. 2008. Paletz, David L. and Diana Owen. 21st Century American Government and Politics, Vol. 10. 2012. https://2012books.lardbucket.org/pdfs/21st-century-american-government-and-politics.pdf. US Government and Politics. Crash Course. 2015. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lrk4oY7UxpQ&list=PL8dPuuaLjXtOfse2ncvffeelTrqvhrz8H.	

	Supplementary literature	American Government and Politics in the Information Age (The Saylor Foundation under a Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-ShareAlike 3.0 License). 2011. https://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks/textbooks/64. "American History: From Emancipation to the Present," (AFAM 162), Yale University courses, 2012, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b4cOAX7S0FU. US Government and Politics. Crash Course. 2015. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lrk4oY7UxpQ&list=PL8dPuuaLjXtOfse2ncvffeelTrqvhrz8H. Valley, Richard M. American Politics: A Very Short Introduction. Oxford University Press, 2013.
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