

Subject card

Subject name and code	Participation and involvement of external entities in decision-making processes in the state - lecture, PG_00138382						
Field of study	Partycypacja i udział podmiotów zewnętrznych w procesach decyzyjnych w państwie – wykład						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject		2028/2029		
Education level	uniform Master's studies		Subject group		Optional subject group		
Mode of study	part-time studies		Mode of delivery		at the university		
Year of study	4		Language of instruction		Polish		
Semester of study	8		ECTS credits		3.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		credit		
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	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		60.0	75
Subject objectives	The aim of the course is to familiarize students with the theoretical and practical aspects of public participation and the involvement of external actors such as non-governmental organizations, interest groups, social institutions, individual citizens, and the private sector in decision-making processes within a democratic state. The course explores the mechanisms, forms, and tools of participation, as well as assesses their effectiveness, limitations, and impact on the quality of governance. Students will acquire knowledge enabling them to critically analyze different models of public participation and examine practical examples at the local, national, and international levels.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[PRAWOJ5_UW05] is able to perceive and analyse moral dilemmas, generate solutions and justify the positions adopted	Student knows the legal regulations concerning citizen participation in decision-making processes and public activities.	[SU1] wypowiedź ustna/rozmowa/ dyskusja
	[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 identifies forms and tools of civic participation at the local, national, and international levels.	[SW4] test/egzamin - ustny lub pisemny
	[PRAWOJ5_WK10] has an in-depth knowledge of the principles of ethical and appropriate communication in legal and legal language	The student understands the role and significance of external actors (e.g. non-governmental organizations, interest groups, the private sector) in decision-making processes in a democratic state	[SW4] test/egzamin - ustny lub pisemny
	[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	Student knows the legal regulations concerning citizen participation in decision-making processes and public activities.	[SW4] test/egzamin - ustny lub pisemny
	[PRAWOJ5_KO03] is ready to actively participate in entities carrying out professional activities related to law	Student knows the legal regulations concerning citizen participation in decision-making processes and public activities.	[SK8] obserwacja samodzielnej lub zespołowej pracy studenta
Subject contents	1. Introduction to the concept of social participation definitions, key concepts, origins, and the significance of participation in democratic states 2. Typologies and forms of social participation 3. Participation versus other forms of engagement by external actors 4. Participation and deliberation 5. Instruments of civic participation in Poland at the national level 6. Procedures for public consultations in Poland 7. Civic participation at the local level 8. The role of non-governmental organizations in decision-making processes 9. Principles of lobbying activities in Poland and worldwide 10. Civic deliberation at the local level 11. Digital democracy and new technologies in social participation opportunities and risks related to the digitalization of democracy 12. The future of social participation challenges for participation in the 21st century, new forms of citizen engagement, and scenarios for the development of participatory democracy		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	Class activity	100.0%	5.0%
	Exam	51.0%	95.0%

Recommended reading	Basic literature	A. Rakowska-Trela, A. Rytel-Warzocha, K. Skotnicki, P. Uziębło, Inicjatywa ustawodawcza obywateli, Gdańsk - Łódź 2020. B. Dolnicki (ed.), Partycypacja społeczna w samorządzie terytorialnym, Warszawa 2014. P. Uziębło, Inicjatywa ustawodawcza obywateli w Polsce na tle rozwiązań ustrojowych państw obcych, Warszawa 2006. P. Uziębło, Demokracja partycypacyjna. Wprowadzenie, Gdańsk 2009. M. M. Wiszowaty, Regulacja prawna lobbingu na świecie. Historia, elementy, stan obecny, Warszawa 2008. B.R.Barber, Strong Democracy: Participatory Politics for a New Age, Berkeley: University of California Press 2003; J.S. Fishkin, When the People Speak: Deliberative Democracy and Public Consultation, Oxford: Oxford University Press 2002. M. Setälä, T. Schiller (eds.), TheCitizens' initiatives in Europe: procedures and consequences of agenda-setting by citizens, Palgrave Macmillan, London 2012. A. Rytel-Warzocha, Zasada demokracji bezpośredniej na tle poglądów nauki prawa konstytucyjnego i praktyki ustrojowej 25 lat obowiązywania Konstytucji, Państwo i Prawo 2022, No. 10.
	Supplementary literature	A. Rytel-Warzocha, Australijski Parlament Obywatelski jako przykład partycypacji i deliberacji w sprawach ustrojowych [in] Prawo konstytucyjne w systemie prawa: księga jubileuszowa dedykowana profesorowi Stanisławowi Bożykowi z okazji 70. rocznicy urodzin i 45-lecia pracy naukowej / Skarżyński Ryszard [i in.] (eds.), Białystok 2022. A. Rytel-Warzocha, Ramy prawne i formy bezpośredniej partycypacji obywateli w życiu publicznym Unii Europejskiej [in] Uniwersalny i regionalny wymiar ochrony praw człowieka: nowe wyzwania - nowe rozwiązania, ed. J. Jaskiernia, Warsaw 2014 P. Uziębło, Wpływ orzecznictwa sądów administracyjnych na kształt instrumentów partycypacyjnych na szczeblu lokalnym, [in] Współczesne problemy sądownictwa w Republice Czeskiej i w Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej, ed. Z. Witkowski [i in.] Toruń 2017. A. Rytel-Warzocha, P. Uziębło, Aktualne tendencje związane ze wzmocnieniem partycypacji mieszkańców w sprawowaniu władzy na poziomie lokalnym, [w:] Samorzady w Konstytucji RP z 2 kwietnia 1997 roku, eds. Witkowski Z., Bień-Kacała A., Toruń 2013. A. Rytel-Warzocha, Partycypacja społeczna w sprawach budżetowych. Model porto Alegre jako pierwowzór rozwiązań europejskich, Przegląd Prawa Konstytucyjnego 2010, No 1. L. Garlicki, Polskie prawo konstytucyjne. Zarys wykładu, Warsaw 2024
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed		
Work placement	Not applicable	

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