

Subject card

Subject name and code	Contemporary political systems, PG_00151434						
Field of study	History						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject		2026/2027		
Education level	Master's studies		Subject group		Obligatory subject group in the field of study Optional subject group 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	4		ECTS credits		1.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		credit		
Conducting unit	Division of Methodology of History, History of Historiography and Archival Science -> Institute of History -> Faculty of History -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Zbigniew Landowski				
	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		0.0	32
Subject objectives	Providing students with knowledge about contemporary political systems of selected European and non-European countries and their history in the 20th century. Familiarizing students with selected contemporary theories of political science regarding democratic systems and dictatorships. Developing the ability to analyze available data on political systems.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[HISTMU2_W02] Has in-depth knowledge of the methods and problems of research in selected fields of history, such as political history, social history, economic history, cultural history, regional history, family history, gender history, etc.	K2H_W02: Has in-depth knowledge of selected research methods and problems fields of history, such as political history, history of political systems	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
	[HISTMU2_U02] Consciously selects research methods and tools appropriate to the chosen field of history to solve a variety of tasks and problems	K2A_W07: Knows and understands the fundamental dilemmas of modern civilization, especially relating to the functioning of modern systems political	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[HISTMU2_W07] Knows and understands the fundamental dilemmas of modern civilisation	K2H_U02: Consciously selects research methods and tools appropriate for the chosen one fields of history (e.g. history of political systems), allowing for solving various tasks and problems	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
	[HISTMU2_K02] Is prepared to recognise the importance of knowledge in solving cognitive and practical problems and to consult experts when having difficulty solving a problem independently	K2H_K02: Is ready to recognize the importance of knowledge in solving problems cognitive and practical and seeking expert opinions in the case Difficulty solving the problem on your own.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SK4] test/exam - oral or written
Subject contents	We understand the term "political system" broadly as: - form of government - political parties and other forms of political life - legal standards regulating the functioning of the system - socio-economic system supported by the state - value systems and customs sanctioned by the state. Selected European and non-European countries are presented during subsequent lectures.		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	oral examination	10.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	Z. Lewicki, Historia cywilizacji amerykańskiej: era tworzenia 1607 - 1789, Warszawa 2009 J. Żarnowski, Współczesne systemy polityczne: zarys problematyki, Warszawa 2012 Partie polityczne - przywództwo partyjne, red. J. Siekelskiego i M. Czerwińskiego, Toruń 2008 A. Antoszewski, R. Herbut, Systemy polityczne współczesnej Europy, Warszawa 2006	
	Supplementary literature	Larkin M., France since the Popular Front, Oxford 1988 Łepkowski T., Historia Meksyku, Wrocław 1986 Malinowski M. J., Republika Południowej Afryki: przemiany wewnętrzne i ich międzynarodowe uwarunkowania, Warszawa 1988 Myers B. R., Najczystsza rasa: propaganda Korei Północnej, Warszawa 2011 Misiuda-Rewera W., Włochy republika autonomii, Lublin 2005 Rock D., Argentina 1519-1987: from Spanish colonization to Falklands War and Alfonsin, London 1997 Wrzesińska A., Elity kongijskie w poszukiwaniu tożsamości, Warszawa 1999	
	eResources addresses		
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Political party - functions. Political systems: name three and characterize them. Presidential system - list the advantages and disadvantages. Parliamentary system in Great Britain - describe. Differences between the Prime Minister and the Chancellor. China's political system. Parliamentarism in the Czech Republic.		
Work placement	Not applicable		

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