

Subject card

Subject name and code	Political system of Republic of Poland, PG_00167861						
Field of study	History						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject			2025/2026	
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	1		Language of instruction			Polish	
Semester of study	1		ECTS credits			2.0	
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form			credit	
Conducting unit	Institute of History -> Faculty of History -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Jarosław Och				
	Teachers		dr Jarosław Och				
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		20.0	52
Subject objectives	. The course presents knowledge of both the theory of political systems and the practice of Polish political life. Knowledge is systematised on the basis of the structural-institutional method. The aim of the course is to familiarise students with the basic mechanisms of the political system in Poland. Students should master the basic conceptual grid related to the contents presented during lectures, as well as demonstrate knowledge of the basic political system rules in Poland.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[HISTMU2_W03] Knows in depth the terminology, theories, methodology and descriptive tools of the historical sciences and related sciences	.the student has a grid of theoretical concepts in the subject.	[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	.The student understands the role of knowledge in a changing world.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion
	[HISTMU2_W07] Knows and understands the fundamental dilemmas of modern civilisation	.the student understands the dilemmas of modern civilisation	[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
	[HISTMU2_U05] Is able to communicate with a diverse range of audiences on specialised historical issues, formulating and presenting critical opinions and conclusions in a variety of forms (especially using modern presentation methods)	.The student has the skills to communicate with external stakeholders.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion
	[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.	.the student has knowledge of social science methodology	[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
	[HISTMU2_U01] Has in-depth research skills in the historical sciences to formulate and innovatively solve complex and unusual problems	.The student has research skills in the historical sciences.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion

Subject contents	1/ Political system explanation of the concept (genesis of the concept, theoretical concepts, definitions of the concept, characteristics of effective and highly effective systems, classifications of political systems, typology of democratic political systems , functions of the political system). 2,3,4,5/ Nature and structure of constitutional norms in modern democracies (etymology of the notion, first constitutions and their systematics, constitutional factors, definition of a constitution, classifications of constitutions, features of a constitution, systematics of a constitution, essence of a preamble, functions of a constitution, features of the constitution of 2 IV 1997.) 6/ The political system of Poland during the years 1918-1926 (political institutions of Poland during the years 1918-1926, the decree of the Head of State of 22.XI 1918, the small constitution of 1919, the March constitution and its basic regulations). 7/ The political system of Poland in the years 1926-1939 (the practice of political life in Poland after 1922, the August amendment and its fundamental regulations, the legislative procedure of work on a new constitution, the April constitution, its fundamental system regulations and their influence on the functioning of the political system). 8/ Directions of political system changes in Poland after 1989 (, genesis of the Round Table, discussion of the changes which took place in Poland after 1989 in the field of politics, economy and social issues). 9/ The constitutional evolution in Poland after 1989 (indication of the process of changes in the constitutional norms in Poland from the end of the Round Table deliberations until the enactment of the Constitution of 2 IV 1997, the legislative procedure concerning the enactment of the Constitution). 10/ The electoral system of the Republic of Poland (the essence of representative and direct democracy and their basic institutions). 11/ The electoral system of the Republic of Poland (explanation of the terms: electoral system, electoral ordinance, discussion of the essence and functions of the electoral system in a modern state, legal acts concerning the electoral law in Poland). 12/ The electoral system of the Republic of Poland (constitutional principles of the electoral law for the Sejm, the Matthew effect, gerrymandering). 13,14/ The electoral system of the Republic of Poland (principles of submitting lists of candidates, methods of converting votes into seats, the essence of the national list, electoral thresholds, the electoral campaign, financing of elections, electoral protests adjectives of the electoral law, electoral polls and their influence on the results of elections, electoral turnout and factors determining it).). 15/ The party system of contemporary Poland (the etymology of the term party, the history of political parties in the world and in Poland, the principles and goals of a political party in contemporary democracies). .		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
		70.0%	30.0%
		51.0%	70.0%

Recommended reading	Basic literature	Skrzydło W., Polskie prawo konstytucyjne, Lublin 1997. Banaszak B., Preisner A., Prawo konstytucyjne. Wprowadzenie, Wrocław 1993. Garlicki L., Polskie prawo konstytucyjne. Zarys wykładu, Warszawa 1997. Kallas M., Konstytucja RP, Warszawa 1997. Sagan S., Prawo konstytucyjne RP, Warszawa 2001. Majchrowski J., Winczorek P., Ustrój konstytucyjny Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej z tekstem Konstytucji z 2.IV 1997 r., Warszawa 1998. Skrzydło W., Ustrój polityczny RP w świetle Konstytucji z 1997 r., Kraków 1998. Wybrane zagadnienia nowej Konstytucji, pod red. A. Szmyta, Gdańsk 1998. Gulczyński M., Zaradny R., System polityczny Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej, Wrocław 2000.
	Supplementary literature	. Sielski J., Czerwiński M., Partie polityczne - przywództwo partyjne, Toruń 2008. Saward M., Demokracja, Warszawa 2008. Tilly Ch., Demokracja, Warszawa 2008. Aktywizowanie wyborców. Inicjatywy z różnych krajów świata, Instytut Spraw Publicznych, Warszawa 2008. Błuszkowski J., Dylematy polskiej transformacji, Warszawa 2008 Demokracja w Polsce po 2005 r., pod red. D. Karnowskiej, Toruń 2008. Deszczyński P., Europejskie systemy polityczne, Poznań 2008. Płudowski T., Komunikacja polityczna w amerykańskich kampaniach wyborczych, Warszawa 2008.
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Work placement	Not applicable	

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