

Subject card

Subject name and code	Party systems, PG_00167864						
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	2		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		dr Zbigniew Landowski				
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						
	Additional information:						
	the classes take the form of a seminar-style lecture						
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		2.0		10.0	27
Subject objectives	The aim of the course is to familiarize students with the principles of functioning of political parties in various modern political systems, as well as their structure, mechanisms of operation and the roles they play in selected European and non-European countries. This is the knowledge necessary to obtain appropriate qualifications to teach the subject of Social Studies at school.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[HISTMU2_U06] Is able to moderate academic debate and discussion, arguing and justifying one's position, drawing on knowledge and own research experience as well as the views of representatives of different historiographical currents	K2H_U06 : Is able to moderate debate and scientific discussion regarding activities political parties, arguing and justifying their position,	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[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 cognitive and practical problems related to the functioning of political parties and to seek the opinion of experts in the event of difficulties in solving them independently problem.	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[HISTMU2_W01] Has an in-depth, extended and structured knowledge of history leading to specialisation in selected areas of historical research	K2H_W01 Has in-depth, extended and structured knowledge of the functioning of political parties and party systems, their history and present, in Poland and selected European countries.	[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
Subject contents	1. Definition of the party and definitional dilemmas. Origin of political parties. Classifications of political parties (divisions, division criteria) 2. Functions of political parties. Party systems. Parties in political systems 3. Strategic management of political parties. Institutionalization of political parties. Participation of parties in elections and coalition formation 4. Pathologies of political parties 5. Parties in Poland after 1989 6. Characteristics of selected party systems (countries neighboring Poland): Sweden, Lithuania, Germany Czech Republic Ukraine, Slovakia and Belarus.		
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	A. Antoszewski, Partie i systemy partyjne państw Unii Europejskiej, Toruń 2009 A. Antoszewski, R. Herbut, Systemy polityczne współczesnej Europy, Warszawa 2006 R. Herbut, Systemy partyjne w Europie Zachodniej ciągłość i zmiana, Wrocław 1996 R. Herbut, Teoria i praktyka funkcjonowania partii politycznych, Wrocław 2002 M. Migalski, W. Wojtasik, M. Mazur, Polski system partyjny, Warszawa 2006	
	Supplementary literature	W. Sokół, M. Żmigrodzki (red.), Współczesne partie i systemy partyjne, Lublin 2003 M. Grabowska, Podział postkomunistyczny. Społeczne podstawy polityki w Polsce po 1989 roku, Warszawa 2004 K. A. Wojtaszczyk, Partie polityczne w państwie demokratycznym, Warszawa 1998 S. Bożyk, Partie polityczne a Sejm RP, Warszawa 2006 K. Kowalczyk, L. Tomczak (red.), Partie i system partyjny RP. Stan i perspektywy, Toruń 2007 M. Granat, P. Policastro, J. Sobczak, Partie polityczne we współczesnym konstytucjonalizmie, Lublin 2001	
	eResources addresses		
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	What is a political party? What are the functions of political parties - name three and describe them. What is a people's party? What types of totalitarian parties are there? Describe the party system of Great Britain.		
Work placement	Not applicable		

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