

Subject card

Subject name and code	Social and Political Realities of Modern Russia, PG_00136490						
Field of study	Eastern Studies						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject		2025/2026		
Education level	Bachelor's studies		Subject group		Obligatory subject group in the field of study Humanistic-social subject group Subject group related to scientific research in the field of study		
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 Russian and Eastern Studies -> Faculty of Languages -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Bianca Sadowska				
	Teachers		dr Bianca Sadowska				
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	The aim of the course is to present students with basic issues related to the political structure of contemporary Russia and the most important problems of Russian society.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[SWSCHL3_W08] He/she has well-organized knowledge in the field of social communication and political science, also oriented towards practical application in a selected sphere of cultural activity, primarily in the context of international cooperation related to the Polish and Russian language areas, as well as the second chosen language area.	Has basic knowledge of Russian politics, oriented towards practical application in the sphere of international political relations.	[SW3] text preparation/written work
	[SWSCHL3_U01] Is able to search, analyze, evaluate, select, and utilize information using modern techniques for obtaining, classifying, and analyzing information from sources in Polish, Russian, and a second foreign language, following the guidelines of the academic supervisor	Is able to search, evaluate and select information about contemporary Russia needed to research the processes taking place there.	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/report [SU3] text preparation/written work
	[SWSCHL3_K06] Acknowledges and respects differences in perspectives determined by various national and cultural backgrounds and is ready to take action towards cultural integration	Is ready to take actions aimed at integrating the cultures whose representatives function in a multicultural society.	[SK2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[SWSCHL3_U02] Is able to conduct an analysis of research problems, preceded by the appropriate selection of research methods and tools characteristic of linguistics, history, legal studies, political science and administration, and economics	Is able to analyze information and draw conclusions useful in conducting research on the politics of contemporary Russia. Is able to correctly observe and interpret political phenomena and processes.	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/report [SU3] text preparation/written work
	[SWSCHL3_U03] Can, in accordance with the principles governing the given field and scientific discipline, compile research results and present them	He presents the effects of his work in a clear, systematic form using various sources.	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/report [SU3] text preparation/written work
	[SWSCHL3_W07] He/she has well-organized detailed knowledge in the field of selected economic and legal issues, also oriented towards practical application in a selected sphere of cultural and economic activity, primarily in the context of international cooperation related to the Polish and Russian language areas, as well as the second chosen language area	Has knowledge about Russia's political relations with other countries and the impact they have on the world situation.	[SW3] text preparation/written work
	[SWSCHL3_K01] Is aware of the scope of their professional knowledge and skills, as well as understands the need for further, continuous development of professional, personal, and social competencies	He is aware of the scope of his knowledge regarding the realities of contemporary Russia.	[SK2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[SWSCHL3_K03] Is ready to take on professional challenges; demonstrates activity, takes on difficulty, and distinguishes themselves with perseverance in the implementation of individual and team professional actions	Is able to use knowledge of realism in the process of carrying out professional activities.	[SK2] presentation/project/paper/report [SK3] text preparation/written work
	[SWSCHL3_W05] Knows various structures of social and economic institutions as well as the rationale behind the functioning of their individual elements	Has knowledge about the functioning of cultural, legal, political, social and economic institutions in Russia.	[SW3] text preparation/written work

Subject contents	State constitution (structure of the constitution; most important provisions of the constitution of the Russian Federation). Federal structure of the state: federal structure of the state (republics, countries, oblasts, cities of federal importance, autonomous oblast, autonomous districts); the role of federation entities. Presidential power in Russia: political position of the president; structure and organization of the presidential office; presidential activities. Legislative power: Federal Assembly; competences of the chambers - the Federation Council and the State Duma; electability of legislative bodies; governing bodies of the houses of parliament; functions of parliament. Executive power: federal government - its composition and principles of appointment; federal ministries; working mode of the federal government. The mass media system in Russia: all-Russian press, business press, advertising press, television, specificity of television broadcasting in Russia, Russian television networks, media empires in Russia, news agencies and their activities, the "big four" of the world's press agencies: UPI (United Press International), AP (Associated Press), AFP (Agence France Press), Reuters, an outline of the history of news agencies in Russia, ITAR-TASS, Interfaks, RIA "Novosti". Mass culture in Russia (selected issues). Stereotype of Russian and Russia in Poland. Creating the image of Russia in the Polish media (selected problems). The detailed topics of the classes are presented to students during the first classes.		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	active participation in classes and moderated discussions	80.0%	10.0%
	written work: analysis of the media image of Russia in any selected press title/TV channel	51.0%	50.0%
	tasks carried out during the semester, including: media notes	51.0%	40.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature • Arutunyan A., Car Putin. Feudalizm, korupcja i Bóg w państwie patrymonialnym, Poznań 2013. • Curanović A., Kardaś S., Rosja w WikiLeaks, Warszawa 2011. • Dimpleby J. Rosja. Podróż do serca kraju i narodu, Poznań 2008. • Donaj Ł. Media w systemie politycznym Federacji Rosyjskiej, Poznań 2001. • Ericson C., Oligarchowie. Pieniądze i władza w kapitalistycznej Rosji, Warszawa 2014. • Felsztynski J., Pribyłowski W. Korporacja zabójców. Rosja, KGB i prezydent Putin, Warszawa 2008. • Harding L., Mafijne państwo Putina. Współczesna Rosja oczami brytyjskiego korespondenta, Kraków 2014. • Hollingsworth M. Londyn nowych Ruskich. Od Berezowskiego do Deripaski, Warszawa 2014. • Kaciewicz M., Putin i spółka. Historia manipulacji, Warszawa 2008. • Kaczmarek M., Rosja na rozdrożu. Polityka zagraniczna Władimira Putina, Warszawa 2006. • Kurczab-Redlich K., Głowa o mur Kremla, Warszawa 2007. • Kurczab-Redlich K., Wowa, Wołodia, Władimir. Tajemnice Rosji Putina, Warszawa 2016. • Myers S., Nowy car. Wczesne lata i rządy Władimira Putina, Katowice 2016. • Paniuszkin W. Rublowka, Warszawa 2013. • Paniuszkin W., Zygar M. Gazprom. Rosyjska broń, Warszawa 2008. • Portnikow W., Dmitrij Miedwiediew. Władca z przypadku?, Wrocław 2009. • Radziwinowicz W., Soczi. Igrzyska Putina, Warszawa 2014. • Reszka P. Miejsce po imperium, Warszawa 2007. • Rosja Putina. Leksykon, red. A. Głowacki, A. Stępień-Kuczyńska, Łódź 2004. • Roxburgh A. Strongman u szczytu władzy. Władimir Putin i walka o Rosję, Warszawa 2014. • Systemy polityczne państw Europy Środkowej i Wschodniej, red. M. Barański, Katowice 2004. • Van Herpen M.H. Putinizm. Powolny rozwój radykalnego reżimu prawicowego w Rosji, Gdańsk 2014. • Włodarczyk B. Nie ma jednej Rosji, Kraków 2013. • Zieliński E. Współczesna Rosja. Studium polityczno-ustrojowe, Warszawa 1995. • Wybrane akty prawne, dokumenty programowe wybranych partii. • Portale internetowe: www.president.kremlin.ru, www.government.gov.ru, www.smi.ru, www.gazeta.ru, www.inopressa.ru		

	Supplementary literature	• Europa Wschodnia: Dekada transformacji Rosja, red. B. Albin, W. Baluk, Wrocław 2003. • Federacja Rosyjska, red. A. Skrzypek, A. Adamowski, Warszawa 2003.
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed		
Work placement	Not applicable	

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