University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Local Government in Poland and in German States, PG_00200553		
Field of study	German Studies		
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026	Academic year of realisation of subject	2028/2029
Education level	Bachelor's studies	Subject group	Obligatory subject group in the field of study Optional 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	3	Language of instruction	Polish
Semester of study	5	ECTS credits	2.0
Learning profile	academic	Assessment form	exam
Conducting unit	Division of Political Systems -> Institute of Political Science -> Faculty of Social Sciences -> Rector		
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor	dr hab. Beata Słobodzian	
	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	18.0	50

Subject objectives

To familiarize with the basic issues in the functioning of local self-government in Poland and German countries. To conduct a comparative analysis of various legal solutions regarding the functioning of local self-government.

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[NIEML3_W09] Knows and understands the economic, legal, ethical, and other conditions affecting various types of professional activity in the areas of Polish-German relations and history, as well as the key dilemmas of contemporary civilisation related to the functioning of European societies.	Knows the concepts, knows how to use them, understands the specifics of the functioning of the state and its institutions, is able to find and use the appropriate legal regulations; is able to point out similarities and differences in the functioning of the Polish and German state	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
[NIEML3_K04] Is ready to take on professional challenges; thinks and acts in an entrepreneurial manner; exhibits perseverance in carrying out individual and team professional activities	The listener has knowledge of the functioning of the institutions of local self-government in Poland and Germany, and is able to use it for various purposes, group work.	[SK2] presentation/project/paper/ report
[NIEML3_U09] Independently plans and implements actions leading to a continuous improvement of knowledge and skills, understands the need for continuous training and professional development	The listener is aware of the continuous expansion of knowledge; knows how to acquire it	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU4] test/exam - oral or written

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<tr><td>Subject contents</td><td>Problems of the lecture:1) The concept and essence of local self-government2) The history of the institution of local self-government in Poland and Germany3) The principles of the state system vs. local self-government: Unitary model, federal, regional4) Legal regulations of local self-government functioning in Poland and Germany5) Constitution of PR and Basic Law of Germany principles of regulation of local self-government institutions6) Local self-government acts of international law7) Principles and mechanism of election of representatives of local self-government comparative analysis8) Authorities of local self-government local and regional self-government9) Principles of direct and indirect democracy differences and similarities10) Model of communal system in Poland and German countries11) Characteristics of intermediate unit of local self-government12) Bodies of state power supervision and control over local self-government (specificity of solutions)13) Tasks, competencies, principles of financing of local self-government14) Local self-government administration principles of functioning, mode of formation of the corps of local government employees15) Mandate of the councilor and the principle of citizen participation16) Criteria of administrative divisions of the state search for appropriate solutions17) Borrowed political system models in other countries (among others. Austria, Switzerland, among others) 18) Modernization of local government system solutions</td></tr>
<tr><td>Prerequisites and co-requisites</td><td>general knowledge of the history of political institutions, the political system of Poland and Germany</td></tr>
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<tr><td>Recommended reading</td><td>
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<tr><td>Basic literature</td><td>Literatura wymagana do ostatecznego zaliczenia zajęć (zdania egzaminu):A.1. wykorzystywana podczas zajęć: 1) R.Stasikowski, Gwarancje samorządności gminnej w systemie prawnym Republiki Federalnej Niemiec i Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej, Bydgoszcz-Katowice 2005 2) Z. Niewiadomski, Samorząd terytorialny w Europie Zachodniej. Podstawowe założenia i modele, Warszawa 19973) Samorząd terytorialny i administracja w wybranych krajach. Gmina w państwach Europy Zachodniej, red. J. Jeżewski, Wrocław 19994) Samorząd terytorialny w Europie Zachodniej, red. L. Rajca, Warszawa 2010.5) Akty prawne</td></tr>
<tr><td>Supplementary literature</td><td>1) F. Kinsky, Federalizm model ogólnoeuropejski, Kraków 1999.2) Samorząd terytorialny w państwach Unii Europejskiej, red. A.K.Piasecki, Zielona Góra 2001.3) Samorząd terytorialny w Polsce i w Europie, red. J.Marszałek-Kawa, A. Lutrzykowski, Toruń 2008.4) Samorząd w Polsce. Istota, forma, zadania, red. S. Wykrętowicz, Poznań 2008.B. Literatura uzupełniająca:1) P. Jasiński, Europa jako szansa. Polityka regionalna Unii Europejskiej i jej instrumenty a władze lokalne i egion alne, Warszawa 2000.2) Samorząd terytorialny Republiki Federalnej Niemiec, Szwecji, Hiszpanii, red. A.Lipska-Sondecka, Koszalin 2005.3) XX lat samorządu terytorialnego w Polsce. Doświadczenia problemy perspektywy, pod red. J. Kowalik, A. Bednarza, Toruń 2011.4) Transformacja ustrojowa w Europie Środkowo-Wschodniej, pod red. S. Wróbla, Toruń 2011.5) B. Słobodzian, Współczesny system samorządu terytorialnego w Polsce, Toruń 2007.6) Artykuły w pismach naukowych.</td></tr>
<tr><td>eResources addresses</td><td></td></tr>
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<tr><td>Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed</td><td>1) Characteristics of the federal system

2) Guarantees for the functioning of local self-government in the Basic Law of the Federal Republic of Germany

3) The electoral system for the constituent bodies of Polish local self-government

4) Mayor - authority in the German municipality - competencies and tasks</td></tr>
<tr><td>Work placement</td><td>Not applicable</td></tr>
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