

**Subject card**

<b>Subject name and code</b>	Methodology of Political Research, PG_00204064						
<b>Field of study</b>	Political Studies						
<b>Date of commencement of studies</b>	October 2026	<b>Academic year of realisation of subject</b>			2026/2027		
<b>Education level</b>	Master's studies	<b>Subject group</b>			Obligatory subject group in the field of study Subject group related to scientific research in the field of study		
<b>Mode of study</b>	full-time studies	<b>Mode of delivery</b>			at the university		
<b>Year of study</b>	1	<b>Language of instruction</b>			Polish		
<b>Semester of study</b>	1	<b>ECTS credits</b>			3.0		
<b>Learning profile</b>	academic	<b>Assessment form</b>			credit		
<b>Conducting unit</b>	Division of Contemporary History and Political Thought -> Institute of Political Science -> Faculty of Social Sciences -> Rector						
<b>Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)</b>	Subject supervisor		dr hab. Arkadiusz Modrzejewski				
	Teachers						
<b>Lesson types</b>	<b>Lesson type</b>	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	<b>Number of study hours</b>	0.0	30.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30
	E-learning hours included: 0.0						
<b>Learning activity and number of study hours</b>	<b>Learning activity</b>	Participation in didactic classes included in study plan		Participation in consultation hours		Self-study	SUM
	<b>Number of study hours</b>	30		3.0		42.0	75
<b>Subject objectives</b>	<p>To familiarize students with key issues in the field of methodology and philosophy of science, in particular the methodology and philosophy of political science.</p> <p>Creating the basis for a critical (meta-scientific) analysis of research procedures in political science.</p>						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[POLMU2_U11] Can use various research methods and techniques and shape and develop his/her own research workshop.	the student uses research methods and techniques to describe and analyze political phenomena and find justification for his or her own research practice	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLMU2_K07] Is able to independently and critically supplement knowledge and develop disciplinary skills, taking into account the interdisciplinary dimension of issues and problems.	a student expresses the need to supplement further, expand, and improve the acquired knowledge and skills, critically referring to various types of source materials	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SK8] observation of student's independent or team work
	[POLMU2_U12] Is able to identify and analyze relationships between political organizations and institutions at the national and international level, applying acquired knowledge to assess their impact on political processes.	a student correctly explains the behavior of individuals and social groups in social life, especially political life	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
	[POLMU2_U03] Can characterise detailed policies and relations between them at different levels of political decision-making.	the student selects the right tools to solve a specific issue related to detailed policies at various levels of decision-making	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
	[POLMU2_W01] Has in-depth knowledge of political science and its constituent sub-disciplines, as well as their interrelationships.	a student knows the sub-disciplines of political science and their methodological specificity	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLMU2_W14] Has an in-depth knowledge and understanding of theoretical and methodological approaches in political science research, and is able to analyze their assumptions and critically evaluate their application in various research contexts.	a student can indicate and evaluate methodological approaches in political science as well as their relationship with other disciplines within humanities and social sciences.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLMU2_W03] Has in-depth knowledge of various political theories and doctrines and is able to analyze their significance and application in contemporary politics.	the student uses theories and doctrines to describe and analyze political phenomena	[SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
[POLMU2_U01] Is able to describe and evaluate political life from the perspective of various theoretical and doctrinal approaches.	the student chooses a specific methodological and theoretical strategy	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion	
Subject contents	<p>Science of learning characteristics.  Philosophical foundations of science.  Determinants of scientific cognition.  Epistemological issues as a crucial problem in the philosophy of science.  The importance and nature of language in scientific cognition.  Theories of the development of science.  Political science in the world of social sciences.  The essence of political science.  Key philosophical and methodological problems in political science.  The importance of theory in political science.  Selected methodological and theoretical orientations in political science.  Forecasting in political science research.</p>		
Prerequisites and co-requisites	The student should have knowledge of such subjects as Methods and techniques of political science or related research and Philosophy.		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	activity and presence	90.0%	25.0%
	test	51.0%	75.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	J. March, J. Olson, Elaborating the New Institutionalism, Working Paper, Centre of European Studies, 2005, no. 11.	
	Supplementary literature	Bauer, G. R., Churchill, S. M., Mahendran, M., Walwyn, C., Lizotte, D., Villa-Rueda, A. A., "Intersectionality in quantitative research: A systematic review of its emergence and applications of theory and methods," SSM - Population Health, Volume 14, 2021.	
	eResources addresses		
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	<p>LMethods and techniques used in institutionalism.  Historical approach in political science.</p>		
Work placement	Not applicable		

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