

**Subject card**

<b>Subject name and code</b>	Changes in contemporary political systems, PG_00204065						
<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>			exam		
<b>Conducting unit</b>							
<b>Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)</b>	<b>Subject supervisor</b>		prof. dr hab. Danuta Plecka				
	<b>Teachers</b>						
<b>Lesson types</b>	<b>Lesson type</b>	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	<b>Number of study hours</b>	30.0	0.0	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>	<b>Participation in didactic classes included in study plan</b>		<b>Participation in consultation hours</b>		<b>Self-study</b>	<b>SUM</b>
	<b>Number of study hours</b>	30		3.0		42.0	75
<b>Subject objectives</b>	The aim of education is to provide knowledge about transformations in contemporary political systems. Presentation to students directions of changes, their causes, course and consequences. Indication of the role of consolidation of the political system as an instrument of its durability in dynamically transforming modernity.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[POLMU2_U02] Is able to critically and independently analyze the mechanisms of political power.	is able to analyze and explain political processes and phenomena using knowledge theoretical, - is aware of the relationships between state systems and phenomena taking place in the political space, and also has the ability to assess them, - distinguishing the specificity of different political systems	[SU5] implementation of a problem task
	[POLMU2_W04] Has an in-depth understanding of the functioning of political power and the factors influencing the behavior of political actors at both the individual and societal levels.	has advanced knowledge of the principles of operation of systems political in the modern world, - has extended knowledge of the political organization of societies and processes changes and relationships and bonds at the local, regional and global level, - knows what are the directions of changes taking place in modern systems political	[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
	[POLMU2_U09] Is able to indicate the conditions for the evolution of political systems by properly selecting sources, critically assessing, analysing and synthesising them, creatively interpreting and transferring the acquired knowledge, using advanced information and communication techniques.	is able to analyze and explain political processes and phenomena using knowledge theoretical, - is aware of the relationships between state systems and phenomena taking place in the political space, and also has the ability to assess them, - distinguishing the specificity of different political systems	[SU5] implementation of a problem task
	[POLMU2_U04] Is able to identify real and hypothetical threats in the political space.	is able to analyze and explain political processes and phenomena using knowledge theoretical, - is aware of the relationships between state systems and phenomena taking place in the political space, and also has the ability to assess them, - distinguishing the specificity of different political systems	[SU5] implementation of a problem task
	[POLMU2_W11] Has an in-depth understanding of the mechanisms governing contemporary political systems and is able to analyze the relationships between their components and their impact on political processes.	has advanced knowledge of the principles of operation of systems political in the modern world, - has extended knowledge of the political organization of societies and processes changes and relationships and bonds at the local, regional and global level, - knows what are the directions of changes taking place in modern systems political	[SW3] text preparation/written work
	[POLMU2_W07] Has an in-depth understanding of the mechanisms of political participation and is able to assess their significance in shaping political decisions and social processes.	has advanced knowledge of the principles of operation of systems political in the modern world, - has extended knowledge of the political organization of societies and processes changes and relationships and bonds at the local, regional and global level, - knows what are the directions of changes taking place in modern systems political	[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
	[POLMU2_W06] Knows contemporary political threats and challenges and understands their institutional and regulatory conditions, including in the context of entrepreneurship development.	has advanced knowledge of the principles of operation of systems political in the modern world, - has extended knowledge of the political organization of societies and processes changes and relationships and bonds at the local, regional and global level, - knows what are the directions of changes taking place in modern systems political	[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion

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		[POLMU2_K03] Is prepared for responsible functioning in the information society, is able to collect, process, and consciously use information, and critically evaluate their own actions and decisions.	is prepared to work in public organizations and institutions, incl public administration bodies, political parties and other organizations national and international, - articulates the need for lifelong learning
Subject contents	Introductory issues - political system, types and types of political systems, fluctuation of political systems. Democracy - types and types of political regime; transformations in liberal democracy; crisis of liberal democracy - causes, course, consequences. Populism as a response to the crisis of liberal democracy. Illiberal democracies and their enemies. Towards authoritarianism? - the need for security as a challenge to contemporary political systems. Citizen and his political civic competences as a response to the crisis of liberal democracy - participation, apathy, society civic. Changes in modern political parties - causes and consequences.		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	writer's work	51.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	A. Literatura wymagana do ostatecznego zaliczenia zajęć (zdania egzaminu): Albright M., Faszizm. Ostrzeżenie, Warszawa 2018. Anioł A., Szlak Norden. Modernizacja po skandynawsku, Warsaw 2013. Antoszewski A., Współczesne teorie demokracji, Studia z teorii polityki, vol. II, 1998/2003. Carpini D., M. X., Keeter S., Measuring Political Knowledge: Putting First Things First, American Journal of Political Science, 1993, no. 37. Fukuyama F., Ład polityczny i polityczny regres, Poznań 2015. Godlewski T., Obywatelskie kompetencje polityczne, [in:] Demokracja w Polsce po 2005 roku, (red.) D. Karnowska, Toruń 2008.	
	Supplementary literature	Held D., Modele demokracji, Kraków 2010. Karwat M., O karykaturze polityki, Warsaw 2012. Kontrewolucja u bram, (red.) J. Kołtan, G. Piotrowski, Gdańsk 2020. Krastev I, Holmes S., Światło, które zgasło. Jak Zachód zawiódł swoich wyznawców, Warszawa 2020. Lalman D., Oppenheimer J., Świstak P., Formalna teoria wyboru racjonalnego. Kumulatywne nauki polityczne, Studia Socjologiczne 1994, no. 3/4. Literatura uzupełniająca Meir P., Ruling the Void. The Hollowing of Western Democracy, Verso, London-New York 2013. Mounk Y., Lud kontra demokracja. Dlaczego nasza wolność jest w niebezpieczeństwie i jak ją ocalić, Warszawa 2019. Muller, J-W., Strach i wolność. O inny liberalizm, Warszawa 2020. Przeworski A., Democracy and economic development [in:] Political science and the public interest, (eds.) E.D. Mansfield, R. Sisson, Ohio Press, Ohio 2004. Raciborski J., Obywatelstwo w perspektywie socjologicznej, PWN, Warsaw 2011. Reykowski J., Myślenie polityczne, [in:] Podstawy psychologii politycznej, (red.) K. Skarżyńska, Wydawnictwo Zysk i spółka, Poznań 2002. Sandel M., Tyrania merytokracji. Co się stało z dobrem wspólnym?, PWN, Warsaw 2020. Stanley J., Jak działa faszyzm. My kontra oni, Warszawa 2021. Turska-Kawa A., Determinanty chwiejności wyborczej, Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Śląskiego, Katowice 2015. Vidigal R., Measuring Certainty in Political Knowledge, www. / VIDIGAL_MEASUREMENT_final-with-appendix.pdf [access: 21 November 2021]. Zakaria F., Przyszłość wolności. Nieliberalna demokracja w Stanach Zjednoczonych i na świecie, Warszawa 2018	
	eResources addresses		
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Changes in the political systems of Central Asian countries.		
	Transformation in Poland after 1989 as an example of changes in the political system.		
	The importance of the citizen and his attitudes for changes in the political system.		
Work placement	Not applicable		

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