

Subject card

Subject name and code	Political Sociology, PG_00204072						
Field of study	Political Studies						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026	Academic year of realisation of subject			2026/2027		
Education level	Master's studies	Subject group			Obligatory subject group in the field of study 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	2	ECTS credits			3.0		
Learning profile	academic	Assessment form			credit		
Conducting unit							
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr hab. Jakub Potulski				
	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		3.0		42.0	75
Subject objectives	<p>The aim of the political sociology course is to introduce students to issues of the social determinants of political phenomena. It aims at a better understanding of the determinants of political phenomena by relating them to structural, cultural and historical conditions and to the actions taken by individual and collective actors under these conditions. The most important links between the political sphere and other social institutions will be analysed.</p>						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[POLMU2_K07] Is able to independently and critically supplement knowledge and develop disciplinary skills, taking into account the interdisciplinary dimension of issues and problems.	.	[SK3] text preparation/written work [SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[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.	.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW3] text preparation/written work
	[POLMU2_W12] Has in-depth knowledge of political movements and pressure groups, and is able to critically analyze their goals, strategies, and impact on political processes.	.	[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion [SW3] text preparation/written work
	[POLMU2_U05] Is able to explain the essence of the mechanisms of political participation and understand its importance for shaping the civil society and democratic political culture.	.	[SU3] text preparation/written work [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[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.	.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU3] text preparation/written 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.	.	[SU3] text preparation/written work [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLMU2_U01] Is able to describe and evaluate political life from the perspective of various theoretical and doctrinal approaches.	.	[SU3] text preparation/written work [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[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.	.	[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion [SW3] text preparation/written work
[POLMU2_U02] Is able to critically and independently analyze the mechanisms of political power.	.	[SU3] text preparation/written work [SU4] test/exam - oral or written	
Subject contents	<p>1 Sociology of politics - the social foundations of politics;2. Power as a social phenomenon - M. Weber3 Legitimation of power - M. Weber, D. Easton, D. Beethnam;4. ideological hegemony - A. Gramsci, L. Althusser;5. Knowledge-power - M.Foucault6. Symbolic violence - P. Bourdieu; 7.7 Culture and politics - political culture and political socialisation - G. Almond, S. Verba;8. Social capital and trust - R. Putnam, N. Luhmann, P. Sztompka;9. Social structure and politics - social class theory - K. Marx, R. Dahrendorf;10. Oligarchisation of power and elite theory - Ch. Mills; 11.11. Feminist theory;12. Reproduction of social order - P. Bourdieu;13. Historical sociology - the rise of the nation state - M. Weber, Ch. Tilly;14. Social revolutions - Th. Skocpol;15. Socio-political cleavages - S. Rokkan and S. Lipset.</p>		
Prerequisites and co-requisites	Znajomość podstawowych pojęć z zakresu socjologii.		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
		60.0%	30.0%
		51.0%	70.0%

Recommended reading	Basic literature	<p>Potulski, J., (2011) <i>Wprowadzenie do socjologii stosunków politycznych</i>, Gdańsk Wydawnictwo UG;</p> <p>Lipset, S., (1995) <i>Spoleczne podstawy polityki</i>, Warszawa: Wydawnictwo PWN;</p> <p>Wiatr, J.J. (1999) <i>Socjologia polityki</i>, Warszawa</p> <p><i>Handbook of political sociology</i>, (2005) ed. T. Janoski, Cambridge;</p>
	Supplementary literature	<p><i>Elity, demokracja, wybory</i>, (1993) wybór i opracowanie J. Szczupaczyński, Warszawa.</p> <p><i>Władza i społeczeństwo: antologia tekstów z zakresu socjologii polityki t.1</i>, (1995) wybór i opracowanie. J. Szczupaczynski, Warszawa;</p> <p><i>Władza i społeczeństwo: antologia tekstów z zakresu socjologii polityki t.2</i>, (1998) wybór i opracowanie. J. Szczupaczynski, Warszawa</p>
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed		
Work placement	Not applicable	

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