

Subject card

Subject name and code	Political Theory, PG_00204080						
Field of study	Political Studies						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026	Academic year of realisation of subject			2027/2028		
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	2	Language of instruction			Polish		
Semester of study	3	ECTS credits			3.0		
Learning profile	academic	Assessment form			exam		
Conducting unit	Division of Political Theory -> Institute of Political Science -> Faculty of Social Sciences -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr hab. Jarosław Nocoń				
	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	The aim of the course is to familiarize students with the main paradigms and theoretical assumptions necessary for an objectified perception and analysis of the political sphere of social life. Familiarization with selected assumptions determining the theoretical basis of research approaches and methodologies used in political science research.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[POLMU2_W03] Has in-depth knowledge of various political theories and doctrines and is able to analyze their significance and application in contemporary politics.	Knows main political Theory	[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.	Knows keys paradigms defining theoretical approaches to interpretations of politics. Knows most important ontological and epistemological assumptions defining methodological base of political researches	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [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.	Knows what political critics is	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLMU2_U06] Is able to identify mechanisms of political perception, assess their effectiveness, and apply this knowledge in the analysis of political processes, public debates, and activities within institutions or social projects.	Is able to define political consciousness	[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.	Knows interdisciplinary character of political sciences	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLMU2_U01] Is able to describe and evaluate political life from the perspective of various theoretical and doctrinal approaches.	Knows what is theoretical pluralism of political sciences	[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.	Knows theory of political power	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLMU2_U02] Is able to critically and independently analyze the mechanisms of political power.	Is able to analyze political behaviour taking into account the model of psychosocial determinants of politics	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLMU2_K02] Is able to apply disciplinary knowledge in the analysis of complex political, social, and institutional problems in various contexts. Is aware of the level of their knowledge and skills, understands the need for continuous professional development, and conducts a self-assessment of their own competences determining their position and role in the labour market.	Knows, that he/she does not know everything	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
Subject contents	Characteristics of the subject, forms and criteria of passing. Discussion of the program scope and subject literature. Political theory as an academic discipline. Subject scope of political theory. Levels of political theory analysis. Ontological and epistemological foundations of contemporary political science research. Faces of politics. Policy interpretations in the perspective of the main theoretical and methodological paradigms. Methodological status of political science. The paradigmatic knowledge structure of politics. Formal and legal (neo-institutional) approach to politics. A behavioral (post-behavioral) model of explaining political phenomena. Conflict and functional interpretations of politics. A decision-making approach to politics. Politics as the art of achieving goals in the cooperative model of game theory. Politics, faces and interpretations of politics. Policy determinants. Economics and politics - mutual relations. Morality, politics, mutual relations. Political values as a determinant of political action. Process as a category of political dynamics		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			

Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
		ezam	50.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	Czym jest teoria w politologii?, red. Z. Blok, Warszawa 2011.J. Nocoń, A Laska, Teoria polityki. Wprowadzenie, Warszawa 2005.K. von Beyme, Współczesne teorie polityczne, Warszawa 2005.O. Cetwiński, Filozofia politycznej praktyki, Toruń 2003.B. Krauz Mozer, Teorie polityki, Warszawa 2005.Theory and Method in Political Science, ed. D. Marsh, G. Stoker, New York 2002.Współczesne teorie polityki - od logiki do retoryki, red. T. Klementewicz, Warszawa 2004.	
	Supplementary literature	Studia z teorii polityki, T.I -III, (red.) A.W. Jabłoński, L. Sobkowiak, Wrocław 1998, 2000.Metafory polityki, T.I i T. II, (red.) B. Kaczmarek, Warszawa 2001, 2003.Elementy teorii polityki, pod red. K. Opalek, Warszawa 1989.Podstawy psychologii politycznej, (red.) K. Skarżyska, Poznań 2002.B. Literatura uzupełniająca:Leksykon politologii. Red. A. Antoszewski, R. Herbut. Wrocław 1999.Encyklopedia politologii. T. 1-4. Red. M. Żmigrodzki, W. Sokół i inni, Kraków-Zakamycze 1999.G. Tinder, Myślenie polityczne. Odwieczne pytania, Warszawa 1995.Politologia, przewodnik encyklopedyczny, PWN, Warszawa 2008.K. Skarżyska, Człowiek a polityka. Zarys psychologii politycznej, Warszawa 2005.	
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	What is political theory?What is the difference between political theory and political theory?Criteria of division and classification of political theories.Functions of political theory.Key research spheres of political theory.Key challenges of contemporary political theory.Syndromatic model of politics.Politics and politics as the subject scope of political science.		
Work placement	Not applicable		

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