

Subject card

Subject name and code	Political Decision Making, PG_00204082						
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	4		ECTS credits			3.0	
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form			exam	
Conducting unit	Division of International Relations -> Institute of Political Science -> Faculty of Social Sciences -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Paweł Nieczuja-Ostrowski				
	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	After completing the classes, the student has knowledge about decision-making in politics. Knows and understands the theoretical approach to political decision-making, the assumptions of decision analysis and the methods and techniques of decision-making. The knowledge acquired during classes can be used in further political science education as well as in professional and social life.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[POLMU2_W08] Has an in-depth understanding of the mechanisms of social perception of politics and is able to analyze their significance for public opinion and political processes.	Characterizes individual elements of political decision-making.	[SW4] 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.	Analyzes the mechanisms of political decision-making.	[SW4] 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.	Identifies the conditions of making political decisions.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[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.	Recognizes the conditions for making political decisions in national and international reality.	[SU8] observation of student's independent or team work
	[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.	Indicates the mechanisms of political decisions.	[SU8] observation of student's independent or team 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.	Explains the impact of political participation in the context of political decision-making.	[SU8] observation of student's independent or team work
	[POLMU2_U02] Is able to critically and independently analyze the mechanisms of political power.	Analyzes the mechanisms of political decision-making.	[SU8] observation of student's independent or team work
Subject contents	[POLMU2_K04] Is prepared to perform the function of an organizer of civic life in various environments and at various levels of the society structure in accordance with the idea of thinking and acting in an entrepreneurial manner.		
	Introductory classes: learning goals and outcomes, educational content, organization of classes, rules for passing the course. Political decision-making from a theoretical perspective. Assumptions and functions of decision analysis. Types of decision analysis. Political science model of decision analysis. Objects and subjects of political decisions. Determinants of political decisions. decision-making processes. Models of decision-making process in systemic decision analysis.		
Prerequisites and co-requisites	no entry requirements		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	oral statement	51.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature Czajowski A., <i>Decydowanie w polityce</i>, Atla 2, Wrocław 2013. Pietraś Z.J., <i>Decydowanie polityczne</i>, PWN, Warszawa 2012. <i>Procedury decyzyjne Unii Europejskiej</i>, red. J. Galster, A. Szczerba, wyd. 2, EuroPrawo, 2022.		

	Supplementary literature	Bieleń S., <i>Negocjacje w stosunkach międzynarodowych</i>, Wyd. ASPRA 2013. Bodnar A., <i>Decyzje polityczne. Elementy teorii</i>, PWN Warszawa 1985. <i>Gabinety polityczne. Narzędzie skutecznego rządzenia</i>, red. D. Bach-Golecka, Wydawca: Ośrodek Myśli Politycznej 2007. Komarnicki H., <i>Decyzje polityczne i proces decyzyjny</i>, [w:] <i>Wprowadzenie do nauki o państwie i polityce</i>, red. B. Szmulik, M. Żmigrodzki, Lublin 2007. Kotarba B., <i>Modele procesu decyzyjnego w systemowej analizie decyzyjnej</i>, <i>Polityka i Społeczeństwo</i> 4(20) / 2022, s. 148-159. Rydlewski G., <i>O skutecznym działaniu w polityce</i>, Warszawa 2004. Rydlewski G., <i>Rządzenie w świecie megazmian</i>, Warszawa 2009. Tosiek P., <i>Komitologia. Szczególny rodzaj decydowania politycznego w Unii Europejskiej</i>, UMCS, 2017.
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Types of political decision analysis. Factors shaping political decision-making. Three types of cybernetic political decision-makers. Division of actions according to alternativeness. The problem of non-decision. Types of feedback.	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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