

Subject card

Subject name and code	Local power elites, PG_00204106						
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 Optional subject group	
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				credit	
Conducting unit							
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	0.0	30.0	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	Familiarization with the processes of political structuring of society and the most important theories of political elites. Acquiring the ability to analyze political structures and the characteristics and role of elites and political leadership.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[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.	Knows importance of political participations for democracy	[SW2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[POLMU2_W02] Has in-depth knowledge in the chosen specialization, including its theoretical, methodological, and empirical determinants, enabling critical analysis of contemporary political processes and phenomena.	Knows processes of political structurations of society	[SW2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[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.	-	[SK2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[POLMU2_U10] He is able to use his knowledge to assess the role and significance of political movements and pressure groups.	Knows importance of political organization entity and agency	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/report
[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.	-	[SW2] presentation/project/paper/report	
Subject contents	<p>1. Between hierarchy and equality. Theories of social structuring 2. basic assumptions of elitism 3. classic and contemporary theories of elites 4. elitism and elitism 5. political elites and democracy 6. locality as a criterion of the scope of power 7. Functions of local power elites 8. Political competences of local activists 9. Recruitment criteria and career paths of political elites 10. Political capital of local activists 11. Parties in local politics 12. Forms of residents' political activity and participation</p>		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	paper or presentation on given topic	50.0%	100.0%

Recommended reading	Basic literature	<p>J. Nocoń, Elity polityczne. Studium interpretacji funkcjonalnej, Toruń 2005.</p> <p>Bartkowski J., Lokalne elity władzy w Polsce 1966-1995, Warszawa 1996.</p> <p>A. Szczudlińska-Kanoś, Regionalne elity polityczne w Polsce, Kraków 2013.</p> <p>Powiatowa elita polityczna, red. J. Wasilewski, Warszawa 2006.</p> <p>B. Tuziak, Elity władz gminnych wobec przemian systemowych, Rzeszów 2003.</p> <p>M, Halamska, Reprodukacja czy wymiana? Przekształcenia lokalnych elit politycznych w Polsce w latach 1990-1998. Warszawa 2001.</p> <p>C. W. Mills, Elita władzy, Warszawa 1961.</p>
	Supplementary literature	<p>Władza lokalna w warunkach demokracji, red. J. J. Wiatr, Warszawa 1998</p> <p>A. Ptak, Rywalizacja polityczna w samorządach lokalnych. Studium wybranych gmin, Poznań</p> <p>Kalisz 2011.</p> <p>C. Nowakowski, A. Ptak, Lokalne elity władzy w Polsce u progu zmian ustrojowych,</p>
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	<p>What is the political elite? What are the criteria for locality? What conditions do you know about the processes of political structuring of society? Local government in Poland? What are the forms of local political activity? Which favors a political career in local government structures?</p>	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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