

Subject card

Subject name and code	Contemporary Political Systems (Lecture), PG_00205471						
Field of study	National Security						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026	Academic year of realisation of subject			2027/2028		
Education level	Bachelor's studies	Subject group			Obligatory subject group 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			1.0		
Learning profile	practical	Assessment form			exam		
Conducting unit	Division of Political Systems -> Institute of Political Science -> Faculty of Social Sciences -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		prof. dr hab. Danuta Plecka				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	15.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15
	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	15		0.0		10.0	25
Subject objectives	To familiarize students with the concept of a political system, the typology of political systems and their functioning in the modern world and their influence political institutions on the political system, the dependence of political systems on state ideology, the impact of democracy on the development of systems political.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[BNL3_U03] Is able to define the role of the state, its institutions and policies in the sphere of national security. Uses knowledge to formulate solutions to problems in the field of security.	analyzes and explains political processes and phenomena using knowledge theoretical, - describes the principles and values of a democratic or non-democratic state and actively participates in classes, - characterizes the relationships between politics and phenomena and processes historical, economic, social and cultural, and also evaluates keeping them critical.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[BNL3_U01] Has research skills that enable to analyze political, social, economic, legal, and cultural structures in the contemporary world. Is able to identify and interpret change processes in these areas in the context of their implications for security.	analyzes and explains political processes and phenomena using knowledge theoretical, - describes the principles and values of a democratic or non-democratic state and actively participates in classes, - characterizes the relationships between politics and phenomena and processes historical, economic, social and cultural, and also evaluates keeping them critical.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[BNL3_K05] Is able to prioritize goals and methods of action, and to think and act in an entrepreneurial manner.	can cooperate in a group and even act as a group leader, - characterizes work in public organizations and institutions, including public bodies public administration, political parties and other national organizations i international, - argues the need for lifelong learning.	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[BNL3_K03] Has a need to continue to complete his/her knowledge as well as expand and improve skills.	can cooperate in a group and even act as a group leader, - characterizes work in public organizations and institutions, including public bodies public administration, political parties and other national organizations i international, - argues the need for lifelong learning.	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[BNL3_W09] Has knowledge of the essence, dynamics and specificity of security threats in various spheres of social life.	lists the principles of functioning of political systems in the Polish dimension, European and global, - can list and describe the basic institutions of power of the countries he learns, - is able to assign competences to various types of authorities in the discussed areas countries, - describes the basic political and social organizations in selected countries.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[BNL3_W06] Has advanced knowledge of the functioning of democratic structures in civil society.	lists the principles of functioning of political systems in the Polish dimension, European and global, - can list and describe the basic institutions of power of the countries he learns, - is able to assign competences to various types of authorities in the discussed areas countries, - describes the basic political and social organizations in selected countries.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[BNL3_W05] He has an advanced understanding of the conditions and forms of citizens' participation in social life at its various levels. He defines phenomena that significantly determine actions undertaken for the sake of security. He possesses advanced knowledge of the origin and evolution of norms organizing social structures and institutions relevant to security, including legal and ethical issues concerning the protection of intellectual property and copyright law.	lists the principles of functioning of political systems in the Polish dimension, European and global, - can list and describe the basic institutions of power of the countries he learns, - is able to assign competences to various types of authorities in the discussed areas countries, - describes the basic political and social organizations in selected countries.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written

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	[BNL3_W02] Has knowledge of the state, power, politics, public administration. Has knowledge of the historical, social, economic, legal, ethical and cultural conditions of security activities.	lists the principles of functioning of political systems in the Polish dimension, European and global, - can list and describe the basic institutions of power of the countries he learns, - is able to assign competences to various types of authorities in the discussed areas countries, - describes the basic political and social organizations in selected countries.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
Subject contents	1. Organizational activities 2. Social system and political system -definitions and classifications of the social and political system -political system in terms of institutional-structural, behavioral-functional, normative and cybernetic theories -functions of the political system. 3. Classification of political systems - assumptions and challenges of classifying political systems -criteria for the classification of political systems (type of political regime, political and political solutions, administrative division of the state, structure of political competition in the state) 4. Parliamentarism and presidentialism as types of political systems 5. Sociopolitical division as the basis for shaping parties and party systems -sociopolitical division -political parties and their families -party systems and their importance for political systems - electoral systems. 6. The judiciary and its importance for political systems -tasks and principles of the judiciary -types of courts -political nature of the judiciary. 7. Local government.		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	egzam	51.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Systemy polityczne. Podręcznik akademicki, tom I, (red.) M. Bankowicz, B. Kosakowska-Gąstoł, Kraków 2019. 2. Demokracje zachodnioeuropejskie. Analiza porównawcza, (red.) A. Antoszewski, R. Herbut, Wrocław 2008. 3. Demokracje Europy Środkowo-Wschodniej w perspektywie porównawczej, (red.) A. Antoszewski, R. Herbut, Wrocław 1997 4. Współczesne systemy polityczne, (red.) M. Żmigrodzki, B. Dziemidok-Olszewska, Warszawa 2013. 	

	Supplementary literature	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. F. Zakaria, Przyszłość wolności. Nieliberalna demokracja w Stanach Zjednoczonych i na świecie, Warszawa 2018. 2. Y. Mounk, Lud kontra demokracja. Dlaczego nasza wolność jest w niebezpieczeństwie i jak ją ocalić, Warszawa 2019. 3. M. Albright, Faszyzm. Ostrzeżenie, Warszawa 2018. 4. F. Fukuyama, Tożsamość. Współczesna polityka tożsamościowa i walka o uznanie, Poznań 2019. 5. F. Fukuyama, Ład polityczny i polityczny regres. Od rewolucji przemysłowej do globalizacji demokracji, Poznań 2015. 6. T. W. Adorno, Nowy prawicowy radykalizm, Kraków 2020. 7. M. Sandel, Tyrania merytokracji. Co się stało z dobrem wspólnym, Warszawa 2020. 8. I. Krastew, S. Holmes, Światło, które zgasło. Jak Zachód zawiódł swoich wyznawców, Warszawa 2019. 9. S. Levitsky, D. Ziblatt, Tak umierają demokracje, Warszawa 2018. 10. M. Matczak, Jak wychować rapera, Kraków 2021. 11. P. Rosanvallon, Dobre rządy, Warszawa 2015. 12. P. Rosanvallon, Kontrdemokracja, Wrocław 2011. 13. C. Kościelniak, Frunze w meczecie, Poznań 2016. 14. H. Arendt, Kryzys republiki, Warszawa 2022. 15. T. G. Ash, Obrona liberalizmu. Eseje o wolności, wojnie i Europie, Warszawa 2022. 16. E. Matynia, Demokracja performatywna, Wrocław 2008. 17. J. Armbruster, Arabska wiosna, Wrocław 2011. 18. M. von Dalen, Kalifat albo śmierć, Poznań 2017. 19. M. Babić, Polityka bezpieczeństwa państw Bałkanów Zachodnich, Toruń 2019. 20. Wyzwania Europy Środkowo-Wschodniej, (red.) E. Dziwak, A. Robak, Z. Sielska, Toruń 2021. 21. Sz. Niedziela, Fundamentalizm muzułmański w Algierii. Znaczenie wewnętrzne i oddziaływanie międzynarodowe, Toruń 2013. 22. S. Gardocki, Od Związku Radzieckiego do Federacji Rosyjskiej. Sto lat polityki zagranicznej wobec Bliskiego Wschodu, Toruń 2022. 23. K. Chołaszczyński, Etnopolityka jako funkcjonalny element kształtujący system polityczny Republiki Zimbabwe, Toruń 2014. 1. Myśl krytyczna wobec ruchów nacjonalistycznych i skrajnie prawicowych, (red.) K. Bielińska, Warszawa 2021.
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	<p>What is a political system according to David Easton?</p> <p>Features of liberal democracy.</p> <p>The importance of the separation of powers for the consolidation of democracy.</p>	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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