University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Political Research Methods and Techniques, PG_00149138		
Field of study	Political Studies		
Date of commencement of studies	October 2024	Academic year of realisation of subject	2025/2026
Education level	Bachelor's studies	Subject group	Obligatory subject group in the field of study Humanistic-social 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	3	ECTS credits	3.0
Learning profile	academic	Assessment form	credit
Conducting unit	Division of Political Theory -> Institute of Political Science -> Faculty of Social Sciences -> Rector		
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor	dr Dominik Bień	
	Teachers	dr Dominik Bień	

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	0.0	50.0	80

Subject objectives

The purpose of the course is to familiarize students with the methods and techniques used to correctly identify, describe and explain political phenomena, as well as to identify existing theories that describe social and political reality.

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[POLL3_U13] Can prepare written works on specific issues using sources and theoretical approaches.	Knows how to prepare written papers, especially thesis papers using research questions, hypotheses, objectives, editorial apparatus	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/ report
[POLL3_K04] Is prepared to work in public organisations and institutions, including public administration bodies, political parties and other national and international organisations.	Is prepared to work in public institutions in the context of applying specific research methods and techniques	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SK4] test/exam - oral or written [SK8] observation of student's independent or team work
[POLL3_K08] Thanks to the awareness of the existing relationships between politics and historical, economic, social and cultural phenomena and processes is ready to critically evaluate them.	Knows how to critically evaluate social, political, cultural and other realities based on theories and research paradigms in political science and social and economic sciences	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SK8] observation of student's independent or team work
[POLL3_W08] Has knowledge about democracy, civil society, political culture and the essence of public discourse in historical and contemporary terms.	Has knowledge of the formation of specific paradigms and theories in the social sciences in the context of their emergence and formation corresponding to the overall political reality	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
[POLL3_U08] Can use research methods and techniques to describe and analyse political phenomena.	Has the ability to use research methods and techniques, both quantitative and qualitative, to analyze current political life at home and abroad	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU8] observation of student's independent or team work
[POLL3_U14] Can prepare oral presentations on specific issues using sources and theoretical approaches.	Has the ability to give oral presentations on theories, research methods and techniques and also apply these tools to specific projects	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU8] observation of student's independent or team work
[POLL3_W01] Possesses ordered and systematized knowledge of political sciences and their subdisciplines, as well as their mutual relations. Knows basic terminology in the field of political science and related fields.	Has knowledge related to political science, sub-disciplines of political science, methods, theories and concepts used in them	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
[POLL3_U01] Can correctly interpret and explain the behaviour of individuals and social groups in social life, especially political life.	Using methods and theories from the political and social sciences, he is able to identify the intentions and behavior of political actors, both collective and individual	[SU8] observation of student's independent or team work
[POLL3_W10] Knows the directions and methodology of political sciences research and their relations with other disciplines of social sciences and humanities.	Has knowledge including paradigms, theories, methods and techniques in the social sciences and humanities and understands their relationships and relations to techniques in the political sciences	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
[POLL3_K06] Is ready to recognize and respect different points of view determined by different political, cultural and social backgrounds.	Based on paradigms in the social sciences, he understands the multifaceted theoretical and viewpoints in the social sciences and does not close himself to one particular trend	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SK8] observation of student's independent or team work
[POLL3_K07] Has a need to supplement, expand and improve acquired knowledge and skills.	Understands the need to acquire and expand knowledge related to political science, social science theory and political philosophy	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SK8] observation of student's independent or team work
[POLL3_K05] Recognises the need to maintain an appropriate ethical attitude in professional work and public activities.	Adopts a proper ethical attitude in his research and social and professional activities	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SK8] observation of student's independent or team work

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<tr><td>Subject contents</td><td>Objectives, scope and subject matter of political science research.The workshop of a political scientist, the literature of the subject.Methodology - basic issues.Specificity of political science cognition.Selected methodological and theoretical orientations in the social sciences and humanities and political science.Qualitative research methods.Quantitative research methods.Main exploratory theories.Techniques of obtaining source material.Criticism of sources.Methods of developing source material.Thesis editing.</td></tr>
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<tr><td>writng project</td><td>51.0%</td><td>15.0%</td></tr>
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<tr><td>Recommended reading</td><td>
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<tr><td>Basic literature</td><td>Babbie E., Badania społeczne w praktyce, Warszawa 2020.

Jemielniak D., Badania jakosciowe; Metody i narzedzia, t. 2, Warszawa 2012.

Nocon J., Laska A., Teoria polityki; Wprowadzenie, Warszawa 2010.

Marsh D., Stoker G., Teorie i metody w naukach politycznych, Krakow 2006.

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<tr><td>Supplementary literature</td><td>Babbie E., Badania społeczne w praktyce, Warszawa 2020.

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<tr><td>Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed</td><td>- what basic paradigms and theories have been formed in the humanities, social and political sciences;- what basic quantitative and qualitative techniques are used in the social sciences;- how to properly edit a thesis;- how to find appropriate sources for a thesis.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Work placement</td><td>Not applicable</td></tr>
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