

Subject card

Subject name and code	Current problems of the rule of law in Poland - lecture, PG_00174477						
Field of study	Aktualne problemy praworządności w Polsce - wykład						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject		2025/2026		
Education level	Bachelor's studies		Subject group		Optional subject group		
Mode of study	part-time studies		Mode of delivery		at the university		
Year of study	1		Language of instruction		Polish		
Semester of study	2		ECTS credits		3.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		credit		
Conducting unit	Department of Constitutional Law and Political Institutions -> Faculty of Law and Administration -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Aleksandra Szydzik				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20
	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	20		0.0		55.0	75
Subject objectives	The aim of the course is to deepen students' knowledge of the standards of a democratic state governed by the rule of law, as well as to identify contemporary challenges related to the rule of law in Poland. The classes are intended to highlight the essence of judicial independence, the principle of the separation of powers, constitutional mechanisms of checks and balances, and the role of national and international institutions in safeguarding the rule of law. As part of the course, students will be introduced to current events, case law, reports, and positions of national and international organizations, which will enable them to critically assess the changes taking place in the Polish legal system and their compliance with constitutional principles and values.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[ADMINL3_WG01] At an advanced level, the student is able to define the sciences of law, administration, and politics, as well as knows the concepts and terminology appropriate to them.	The student knows the standards of a democratic state governed by the rule of law, including the principles of judicial independence, separation of powers, and constitutional mechanisms of checks and balances.	[SW4] test/egzamin - ustny lub pisemny
	[ADMINL3_KK01] The student is aware of the role of knowledge in problem-solving, as well as the necessity of relying on expert knowledge – including opinions of doctrine and case law – in situations that exceed the capacity to solve the problem independently.	The student can identify the main national and international institutions responsible for protecting the rule of law.	[SK1] wypowiedź ustna/rozmowa/dyskusja
	[ADMINL3_WG03] At an advanced level, the student is able to characterize the system of public authority (national, local, and EU-level), the structure of administration, the process of appointing bodies, their competencies, and the domains in which they operate, as well as the legal and organizational conditions of administrative functioning.	The student knows the standards of a democratic state governed by the rule of law, including the principles of judicial independence, separation of powers, and constitutional mechanisms of checks and balances.	[SW4] test/egzamin - ustny lub pisemny
	[ADMINL3_WK04] The student knows and understands the current dilemmas regarding the functioning of institutions of substantive and procedural law in the sphere of the state and administration. Additionally, he identifies key phenomena occurring in the market economy and economics, including knowledge and understanding of the basic principles of public finance and the operation of various forms of entrepreneurship.	The student can identify the main national and international institutions responsible for protecting the rule of law.	[SW4] test/egzamin - ustny lub pisemny
Subject contents	Basic reservations regarding the rule of law in Poland The Supreme Court Guardian of the Law or a Player in Political Conflict? The National Council of the Judiciary and Its Role in Ensuring Judicial Independence and the Autonomy of Judges The Constitutional Tribunal The Constitutional Crisis and Its Impact on the System of Constitutional Review The Prosecutors Office Searching for an Optimal Institutional Model		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	Activity	100.0%	5.0%
	Exam	51.0%	95.0%

Recommended reading	Basic literature	P. Tuleja (red.), <i>Polskie prawo konstytucyjne</i>, Warsaw 2024. L. Garlicki, <i>Polskie prawo konstytucyjne. Zarys wykładu</i>, Warsaw 2024. Ł. Bojarski, K. Grajewski, J. Kremer, G. Ott, W. Żurek (red.), <i>Konstytucja, praworządność, władza sądownicza: aktualne problemy trzeciej władzy w Polsce</i>, Warsaw 2019. P. Tuleja, <i>Geneza, rozwój i upadek sądownictwa konstytucyjnego w Polsce</i>, Państwo i Prawo 2022, No. 10. A. Grabowski, B. Naleziński, <i>Konstytucyjne prawo do niezawisłego i bezstronnego sądu w państwie pozornie praworządnym</i>, Państwo i Prawo 2020, No. 10.
	Supplementary literature	P. Turek, <i>Prokuratura w standardach prawnych Rady Europy</i>, Warsaw 2022. K. Grajewski, <i>Dysfunctionality of the National Council of Judiciary in the Polish Constitutional System After Statutory Changes</i>, Gdańskie Studia Prawnicze 2020, No. 4. A. Rytel-Warzocha, <i>Jak nie Trybunał Konstytucyjny to co? O rozproszonej kontroli konstytucyjności prawa w Polsce</i>, Przegląd Prawa Konstytucyjnego 2022, No. 3(67). P. Uziębło, <i>Kilka uwag o reformowaniu Krajowej Rady Sądownictwa</i>, Iustitia. Kwartalnik Stowarzyszenia Sędziów Polskich 2017, No. 4.
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed		
Work placement	Not applicable	

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