

Subject card

Subject name and code	Local government in Poland and in German states, PG_00176439						
Field of study	German Studies						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject			2027/2028	
Education level	Bachelor's studies		Subject group			Obligatory subject group in the field of study Optional subject group 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	3		Language of instruction			Polish	
Semester of study	5		ECTS credits			2.0	
Learning profile	academic		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		dr Beata Słobodzian				
	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		2.0		20.0	52
Subject objectives	To familiarize with the basic issues in the functioning of local self-government in Poland and German countries. To conduct a comparative analysis of various legal solutions regarding the functioning of local self-government.						
Learning outcomes	Course outcome		Subject outcome			Method of verification	
	[NIEML3_U09] Independently plans and implements actions leading to a continuous improvement of knowledge and skills, understands the need for continuous training and professional development		The listener is aware of the continuous expansion of knowledge; knows how to acquire it			[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SU4] test/exam - oral or written	
	[NIEML3_K04] Is ready to take on professional challenges; thinks and acts in an entrepreneurial manner; exhibits perseverance in carrying out individual and team professional activities		The listener has knowledge of the functioning of the institutions of local self-government in Poland and Germany, and is able to use it for various purposes, group work.			[SK2] presentation/project/paper/report	
	[NIEML3_W09] Knows and understands the basic economic, legal, ethical and other conditions of various professional activities in the area of German-Polish relations		Knows the concepts, knows how to use them, understands the specifics of the functioning of the state and its institutions, is able to find and use the appropriate legal regulations; is able to point out similarities and differences in the functioning of the Polish and German state			[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion	

Subject contents	Problems of the lecture:1) The concept and essence of local self-government2) The history of the institution of local self-government in Poland and Germany3) The principles of the state system vs. local self-government: Unitary model, federal, regional4) Legal regulations of local self-government functioning in Poland and Germany5) Constitution of PR and Basic Law of Germany principles of regulation of local self-government institutions6) Local self-government acts of international law7) Principles and mechanism of election of representatives of local self-government comparative analysis8) Authorities of local self-government local and regional self-government9) Principles of direct and indirect democracy differences and similarities10) Model of communal system in Poland and German countries11) Characteristics of intermediate unit of local self-government12) Bodies of state power supervision and control over local self-government (specificity of solutions)13) Tasks, competencies, principles of financing of local self-government14) Local self-government administration principles of functioning, mode of formation of the corps of local government employees15) Mandate of the councilor and the principle of citizen participation16) Criteria of administrative divisions of the state search for appropriate solutions17) Borrowed political system models in other countries (among others. Austria, Switzerland, among others) 18) Modernization of local government system solutions		
Prerequisites and co-requisites	general knowledge of the history of political institutions, the political system of Poland and Germany		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	-	51.0%	10.0%
	-	51.0%	30.0%
	-	51.0%	60.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	Literatura wymagana do ostatecznego zaliczenia zajęć (zdania egzaminu):A.1. wykorzystywana podczas zajęć: 1) R.Stasikowski, Gwarancje samorządności gminnej w systemie prawnym Republiki Federalnej Niemiec i Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej, Bydgoszcz-Katowice 2005 2) Z. Niewiadomski, Samorząd terytorialny w Europie Zachodniej. Podstawowe założenia i modele, Warszawa 19973) Samorząd terytorialny i administracja w wybranych krajach. Gmina w państwach Europy Zachodniej, red. J. Jeżewski, Wrocław 19994) Samorząd terytorialny w Europie Zachodniej, red. L. Rajca, Warszawa 2010.5) Akty prawne	
	Supplementary literature	1) F. Kinsky, Federalizm model ogólnoeuropejski, Kraków 1999.2) Samorząd terytorialny w państwach Unii Europejskiej, red. A.K.Piasecki, Zielona Góra 2001.3) Samorząd terytorialny w Polsce i w Europie, red. J.Marszałek-Kawa, A. Lutrzykowski, Toruń 2008.4) Samorząd w Polsce. Istota, forma, zadania, red. S. Wykrętowicz, Poznań 2008.B. Literatura uzupełniająca:1) P. Jasiński, Europa jako szansa. Polityka regionalna Unii Europejskiej i jej instrumenty a władze lokalne i egion alne, Warszawa 2000.2) Samorząd terytorialny Republiki Federalnej Niemiec, Szwecji, Hiszpanii, red. A.Lipska-Sondecka, Koszalin 2005.3) XX lat samorządu terytorialnego w Polsce. Doświadczenia problemy perspektywy, pod red. J. Kowalik, A. Bednarza, Toruń 2011.4) Transformacja ustrojowa w Europie Środkowo-Wschodniej, pod red. S. Wróbla, Toruń 2011.5) B. Słobodzian, Współczesny system samorządu terytorialnego w Polsce, Toruń 2007.6) Artykuły w pismach naukowych.	
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	1) Characteristics of the federal system 2) Guarantees for the functioning of local self-government in the Basic Law of the Federal Republic of Germany 3) The electoral system for the constituent bodies of Polish local self-government 4) Mayor - authority in the German municipality - competencies and tasks		
Work placement	Not applicable		

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