

Subject card

Subject name and code	Power and political activism in Poland, PG_00176695						
Field of study	Sociology						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject		2026/2027		
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	2		Language of instruction		Polish		
Semester of study	4		ECTS credits		1.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		exam		
Conducting unit	Division of Social Anthropology -> Institute of Sociology -> Faculty of Social Sciences -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		prof. dr hab. Cezary Obracht-Prondzyński				
	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	The aim of the course is to familiarize students with the knowledge necessary for conscious and active participation and co-creation (in various roles) of public policies conducted at various levels of public authority. The classes are also intended to enable students to learn the most important concepts related to power and activism in Poland, but also to recall the most important theoretical concepts related to social and political activism. After the course, the student will be able to present and locate the centers of power in various social orders (in the media, economy, politics...)						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[SOCL3_U08] The graduate is able to analyse current social phenomena in the context of knowledge about the mechanisms of human activity, the impact of a group on an individual and the processes of change that Polish society, European society and that of the world undergoes	Analyzes and understands a number of current social phenomena in the context of knowledge about the mechanisms of human action, the impact of the group on the individual, and the processes of change that Polish society, the society of Europe.	[SU5] implementation of a problem task
	[SOCL3_W03] The graduate knows and understands in an advanced way the relationships between the relationship between micro and macro social structures and institutions, on a national and international scale in the fields of private life, work, politics, civil society, etc	Has advanced knowledge of the relationship between micro and macro social structures and institutions, nationally and internationally in the fields of private life, labor, politics, civil society and others.	[SW5] implementation of a problem task
	[SOCL3_W09] The graduate knows and understands various views on social life and selected social structures and institutions expressed in the everyday world, public and scientific discourse, and is familiar with their historical evolution	Is familiar with various views on social life and selected social structures and institutions expressed in the popular world, public and scholarly discourse, and is familiar with their historical evolution.	[SW5] implementation of a problem task
	[SOCL3_U02] The graduate is able to use theoretical knowledge from different streams of sociology and acquire data to analyse specific social processes and phenomena	Is able to use theoretical knowledge from different streams of sociology and acquire data to analyze specific social processes and phenomena.	[SU5] implementation of a problem task
	[SOCL3_W02] The graduate has advanced knowledge about different types of social structures and institutions such as the state, nation, classes and social strata, ethnic group, local community, social group, family, political party, enterprise, she/he knows the differences in the functioning principles of social, public and commercial organisations	He has advanced knowledge of different types of social structures and institutions such as the state, nation, classes and social strata, ethnic group, local community, social group, family, political party, enterprise, knows the differences in the principles of social, public and commercial organizations.	[SW5] implementation of a problem task
	[SOCL3_U04] The graduate is able to forecast social processes and phenomena on the basis of sociological knowledge using sociological research methods	Can forecast social processes and phenomena based on sociological knowledge using sociological research methods.	[SU5] implementation of a problem task
	[SOCL3_W07] The graduate has an advanced knowledge about the ethical and moral norms of social life as well as legal and organisational norms regulating social life, is familiar with the processes of their introduction and changes	Has knowledge of ethical and moral norms of social life, as well as legal and organizational norms regulating social life, and is familiar with the processes of their introduction and change.	[SW5] implementation of a problem task
Subject contents	1. What is power? What are its types and forms? What is the crisis of power and what is its legitimacy? 2. Power in Poland historical and contemporary perspective. 3. Power and democracy: a) Types and types of democracy b) Democratic procedures in modern democracy c) Is the end of liberal democracy? What other forms of democracy and what happens to the government? 4. Political - meanings of the concept and history 5. Civil society what is it and what is its condition in Poland? 6. Activism - its various forms and types. Political or social activism? 7. Social movements and activism: the case of Poland 8. Power and activism in Poland		
Prerequisites and co-requisites	A. Formal requirementsEffective choice of specialty Sociology in action B. PrerequisitesPassed the subject 'Social Change and Sociology of Social Movements', good knowledge of the Polish language In order to pass the lecture, the student must first pass the classes.		

Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	Preparation and implementation of a project in a group of 3-4 people and a joint presentation	50.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	What about Activism?, (2019), ed. Steven Henry Madoff, Sternberg Press	
	Supplementary literature	Sarah Maddison & Sean Scalmer (2014), Activist Wisdom Practical knowledge and creative tension in social movements, UNSW Press, Sydney	
	eResources addresses		
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed			
Work placement	Not applicable		

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