University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Polish political system, PG_00177355		
Field of study	Journalism and Social Communication		
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
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	1.0
Learning profile	practical	Assessment form	exam
Conducting unit	Institute of Media, Journalism and Social Communication -> Faculty of Social Sciences -> Rector		
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor	dr hab. Jacek Wojsław	
	Teachers	dr hab. Jacek Wojsław	

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	2.0	8.0	25

Subject objectives

- acquiring knowledge about the nature and functioning of civil society in the context of the socio-political history of Poland;
- to become familiar with issues connected with the construction of a democratic state, with particular attention to the role of observing the principles of the rule of law and a democratic state of law, including the model of the division of power
- to trace the decision-making mechanisms accompanying the functioning of the modern state
- to show the various institutional and legal solutions applied in consolidated democracies

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[DZiKSL3_W03] He/she knows the economic, legal and other conditions of media activity, and also has knowledge of the normative acts regulating the functioning of the media system, including the principles of industrial property protection and copyright. He/she defines phenomena correctly, understanding their causes.	He or she knows and understands the economic, legal and other conditions of media systems in the context of the functioning of the Polish political system.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[DZiKSL3_U03] He/she correctly uses normative systems (e.g. media, legal, professional, ethical) in order to solve tasks and problems in the field of scientific discipline appropriate for the field of study and profession.	Student is be able to use its acquired knowledge of the Polish political system and other normative systems to correctly interpret problems arising in the context of the political system of the Polish state.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion
[DZiKSL3_U01] Student is able to skilfully search and select sources of information in media activities.	He or she can competently search for and select sources of information for a competent description of issues related to the Polish political system	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
[DZiKSL3_W05] He/she has knowledge of the history of media and journalism. He/she understands the functioning of processes, tools and factors influencing the contemporary functioning of media.	He or she knows and understands the impact of the determinants of media history and journalism in the context of the functioning of the Polish political system.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[DZiKSL3_K01] Student is sensitive to any signs of manipulation of the recipient, understanding the threats resulting from this phenomenon and is able to critically evaluate the received content.	He or she is ready to independently assess the credibility of the content it receives.	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
[DZiKSL3_K03] He/she is willing to take active measures for the benefit of the public interest, the local environment and individual social groups.	He or she is ready to adopt the attitude that characterises an active citizen of a democratic state.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion
[DZiKSL3_K02] He/she uses the acquired knowledge to solve cognitive and practical problems. He/she is ready to consult experts in case of difficulties in solving the problem on his/her own.	The student - using the acquired knowledge and reaching for expert opinions is able to correctly describe problems connected with the functioning of the Polish political system.	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
[DZiKSL3_U02] He/she can describe, critically analyse, synthesise and evaluate the collected information, taking into account economic, philosophical, cultural, historical, political and sociological processes and phenomena relevant to the field of study.	He or she is able to describe, critically analyse, synthesise and evaluate problems related to the Polish political system, taking into account their acquired substantive knowledge.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written

Subject contents

1.The history of the Polish political system: from the patrimonial state and the state monarchy to the political system and the constitutional system of People's Republic of Poland (introduction)2.The process of shaping the democratic political system of the 3rd Republic of Poland (1989-1992)3.Constitutional basis of the legal order of the Republic of Poland: characteristics of the Constitution of the Republic of Poland of 2 April 1997; political regime in the light of the 1997 Constitution4.The political and constitutional system after 2015: times of crisis5. Electoral systems in the 3rd Republic of Poland6. Main links of the political system of the 3rd Republic of Poland

Prerequisites and co-requisites

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Assessment methods and criteria

Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
Activity in class and mastery of subject material	51.0%	100.0%

Recommended reading	Basic literature	• Społeczeństwo i polityka. Podstawy nauk politycznych, red. naukowa cyklu K. A. Wojtaszczyk, System rządów w Polsce (Instytucje polityczne w latach 1989-2018), t. IV, red. naukowa K. A. Wojtaszczyk, E. M. Marciniak, W. Jakubowski, Warszawa 2018. • Społeczeństwo i polityka. Podstawy nauk politycznych, red. naukowa cyklu K. A. Wojtaszczyk, System rządów w Polsce (tradycje i współczesność), t. III , red. naukowa K. A. Wojtaszczyk , E. M. Marciniak, W. Jakubowski, Warszawa 2017. • System polityczny Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej. Wybrane aspekty, praca zbiorowa: D. Plecka i inni, Toruń 2020.
	Supplementary literature	• Antoszewski A., System polityczny RP, Warszawa 2012. • Demokracja konstytucyjna w Polsce, red. nauk. T. Słomka, Warszawa 2019. • Kallas M., Historia ustroju Polski X-XX w., Warszawa 2001. • Społeczeństwo i polityka. Podstawy nauk politycznych, pod red.. K. A. Wojtaszczyk, W. Jakubowski, Warszawa 2007.
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Characterise the principle of a democratic state of law in the context of the provisions of the 1997 Polish Constitution.	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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