

Subject card

Subject name and code	Political History of Poland in the 20th and 21st Centuries, PG_00149116						
Field of study	Political Studies						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026		Academic year of realisation of subject		2027/2028		
Education level	Bachelor's studies		Subject group		Obligatory subject group in the field of study Humanistic-social 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	3		ECTS credits		2.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		exam		
Conducting unit	Institute of Political Science -> Faculty of Social Sciences -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		prof. dr hab. Piotr Niwiński				
	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		35.0	50
Subject objectives	Familiarizing the student with the history of Poland in the 20th century and 21st century in the context of internal and international events affecting the ongoing changes and modifications of the political system						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[POLL3_U02] Is able to analyze and describe the origins and course of social, political, economic, legal, ethical, and cultural processes and phenomena from a historical perspective, as well as in contemporary states and globally, using theoretical knowledge.	Analyzes the processes and phenomena learned.	[SU3] text preparation/written work
	[POLL3_W15] Has advanced knowledge of significant events, processes, phenomena, and structures related to the history of Poland, Europe, and the world.	Has knowledge of the historical, economic, social, legal, ethical and cultural conditions of political life.	[SW3] text preparation/written work
	[POLL3_W07] Has advanced knowledge about democracy, civil society, political culture and the essence of public discourse in historical and contemporary terms.	Has knowledge of the historical, economic, social, legal, ethical and cultural conditions of democratic political life.	[SW3] text preparation/written work
	[POLL3_U10] Is able to point out the differences between various trends in political thought and notice their presence in practice.	Is able to point out the differences between various trends in political thought and notice their presence in practice.	[SU3] text preparation/written work
	[POLL3_K06] 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.	Thanks to the awareness of the existing relationships between politics and historical, economic, social and cultural phenomena and processes, he is ready to critically evaluate them.	[SK3] text preparation/written work
	[POLL3_K05] Has a need to supplement, expand and improve acquired knowledge and skills.	There is a need to supplement, expand and improve acquired knowledge and skills	[SK3] text preparation/written work
Subject contents	[POLL3_W04] Has advanced knowledge of the historical, economic, social, legal, ethical, and cultural determinants of political life, as well as of the structures in which this life unfolds, their origins, and transformations.	Has knowledge of the historical, economic, social, legal, ethical and cultural conditions of political life.	[SW3] text preparation/written work
	Creation of power and borders of Poland 1918-1923 The international situation of Poland in the years 1923-1939 Economic, political and social changes in Poland in 1918-1939 Poland on the fronts of World War II Structure and functioning of the Polish Underground State Occupant replacement period 1944-1948 international situation (from Tehran to Fulton) The period of replacement of the occupiers, 1944-1948, characteristics of the way in which the communists took power Characteristics of losses suffered by Poland in the period 1939-1956 Pacification of Polish society 1945-1956 The Gomułków region period 1956-1970 Polish months The Gierek decade Solidarity Festival The times of martial law 1981-1989 The process of regaining full sovereignty after 1989		
	Prerequisites and co-requisites		
	Knowledge of Polish history at secondary school level		
	Assessment methods and criteria		
	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	essay	80.0%	80.0%
	discussion	20.0%	20.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature		
	P. Wieszczkiewicz, Historia polityczna Polski 1935-1945, Warszawa 2005; W. Roszkowski, Historia Polski 1914-2005, Warszawa 2009; A. Garlicki, Historia 1939- 1996. Polska i świat, Warszawa 1997; A. Dudek, Historia polityczna Polski 1989-2005, Kraków 2007; J. Eisler, Zarys dziejów politycznych Polski 1944-1989, Warszawa 1992, A. Czubiński, Historia Polski XX wieku, Poznań 2005; A. L. Sowa, Od Drugiej do Trzeciej Rzeczypospolitej, 1945- 2001, Kraków 2001, A. Friszke, Polska- losy państwa i narodu 1939-1989, Warszawa 2003; M. Zaremba, Komunizm, legitymizacja, nacjonalizm, Warszawa 2001		

	Supplementary literature	A. Dudek, Reglamentowana rewolucja. Rozkład dyktatury komunistycznej w Polsce 1988-1990, Kraków 2004; A. Garlicki, Stalinizm, Warszawa 1993; W. Władyka, Październik 56, Warszawa 1994; Z. Landau, Polska Gomułki, Warszawa 1995; A. Friszke, Polska Gierka, Warszawa 1995; J. Eisler, Polskie miesiące czyli kryzysy w PRL, Warszawa 2008; A. Friszke, Przystosowanie i opór. Studia z dziejów PRL, Warszawa 2007; P. Osęka, Marzec 68, Kraków 2008; A. Sobór-Świderska, Jakub Berman. Biografia komunisty, Warszawa 2009; Od Piłsudskiego do Wałęsy. Studia z dziejów Polski w XX w., Warszawa 2008; II wojna światowa, pod red. K. Persaka i P. Machcewicz, Warszawa 2010.
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Characteristics of the process of creating power and borders of Poland 1918-1923 Characteristics of Poland's international situation in the years 1923-1939 Economic, political and social changes in Poland in 1918-1939 Poland on the fronts of World War II Structure and functioning of the Polish Underground State Occupant replacement period 1944-1948 international situation (from Tehran to Fulton) The period of replacement of the occupiers, 1944-1948, characteristics of the way in which the communists took power Characteristics of losses suffered by Poland in the period 1939-1956 Pacification of Polish society 1945-1956 Period 1956-1970 Polish months The Gierek decade Solidarity Festival The times of martial law 1981-1989 The process of regaining full sovereignty after 1989	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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