

Subject card

Subject name and code	Leadership and political elites, PG_00149139						
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 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		English		
Semester of study	3		ECTS credits		2.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		credit		
Conducting unit							
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr hab. Jarosław Nocoń				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	0.0	15.0	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	Familiarization with theories of power structures, elites and political leadership. Knowledge of basic concepts and terms necessary to describe and explaining the mechanisms of political power structures.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[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.	-	[SK2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[POLL3_U14] Correctly uses terminology in the field of political science and has language skills consistent with the requirements specified for level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.	Knows basic definitions of political elites and leadership	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[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.	Is able to analyze interactions between elites and society	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[POLL3_W11] Has an advanced knowledge of the mechanisms of governance and political decision-making, including knowledge of the principles and relationships between management, organizing and other interactions between entrepreneurship and politics, has advanced knowledge of the threats and challenges facing politics, including the principles of creating and developing forms of individual entrepreneurship.	-	[SW2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[POLL3_W07] Has advanced knowledge about democracy, civil society, political culture and the essence of public discourse in historical and contemporary terms.	-	[SW2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[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.	-	[SW2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[POLL3_W02] Has advanced knowledge of the role of man in social life, especially political life, and his interactions with the social, political, cultural, legal and economic environment.	-	[SW2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[POLL3_U01] Can correctly interpret and explain the behaviour of individuals and social groups in social life, especially political life.	-	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/report
Subject contents	1. Between hierarchy and equality. Theories of social structuring 2. Basic assumptions of elitism 3. Classic and contemporary theories of elites 4. Elitism and elitism 5. Political elites and democracy 6. Political leadership - explanation of the concept 7. theories and typologies of political leadership 8. Functions of leadership and political elites 9. Political competences of political activists 10. Verification criteria and recruitment paths for political actors		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	paper, presentation	50.0%	100.0%

Recommended reading	Basic literature	J. Nocoń, Elity polityczne. Studium interpretacji funkcjonalnej. Toruń 2005 The Palgrave Handbook of Political Elites, H. Best, J. Higley, John (Eds.), London 2018. The Oxford Handbook of Political Leadership, R. A. W. Rhodes and Paul 't Hart (eds), New York 2014 Przywództwo i elity polityczne w krajach WNP. Red. T. Bodio, W. Jakubowski, Warszawa 2010. J. Higley, The endangered West. Myopic elites and fragile social orders in threatening world. New Brunswick and London 2016. Democratic elitism: New theoretical and comparative perspectives. B. Heinrich, J. Higley (eds.). Leiden/Boston 2010
	Supplementary literature	Higley, J. (2008): Elite theory in political sociology, University of Texas at Austin Lasswell, H. y A. Kaplan (1950): Power and society: a framework for political inquiry, Yale University Press, New Haven. Michels, R. (2001 [1915]): Political parties: a sociological study of the oligarchical tendencies of modern democracy, Batoche Books, Kitchener. Mosca, G. (1939 [1896]): The ruling class, Greenwood Press, Westport. Pareto, V. (1991 [1901]): The rise and fall of the elites. An application of theoretical sociology, Transaction Publishers, New Brunswick, New Jersey.
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Definitions of political elites K. Marx's theory of social structuring V. Pareto's concept of elites theory of the political class by G. Mosca The law of oligarchy by R. Michels Forms of assessing political actors Political competences	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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