

Subject card

Subject name and code	US political system, PG_00144833						
Field of study	American Studies						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026		Academic year of realisation of subject		2028/2029		
Education level	Bachelor's studies		Subject group		Obligatory subject group in the field of study Humanistic-social subject group		
Mode of study	full-time studies		Mode of delivery		at the university		
Year of study	3		Language of instruction		English		
Semester of study	6		ECTS credits		2.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		credit		
Conducting unit							
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Iwona Świątczak-Wasilewska				
	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		18.0	50
Subject objectives	This is an introductory course to the political system of the United States in a cultural and social context.						
Learning outcomes	Course outcome		Subject outcome		Method of verification		
	[AMERL3_W10] Knows and understands selected issues in geography, history, art, language and socio-political realities, constituting the contextual knowledge necessary for researching cultural phenomena and processes in North America.		Knows and understands selected issues related to the political system.		[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW2] presentation/project/paper/report		
	[AMERL3_W09] Knows and understands the fundamental dilemmas of contemporary civilisation in the context of issues related to the cultural and social problems of the USA and intercultural communication.		Knows and understands the fundamental dilemmas of modern civilization in the context of issues related to the political system.		[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW2] presentation/project/paper/report		
	[AMERL3_K01] Is prepared to critically evaluate their knowledge and skills, particularly in the field of American cultural and literary studies, basic contextual knowledge of American studies and the English language.		Student is ready to critically evaluate her knowledge and skills in the field of political systems.		[SK2] presentation/project/paper/report [SK4] test/exam - oral or written		
	[AMERL3_U05] Is able to use knowledge of geography, history, art, language and socio-political realities, which constitute the context for the study of cultural phenomena and processes in North America.		Can apply knowledge of the political system.		[SU2] presentation/project/paper/report [SU4] test/exam - oral or written		

Subject contents	Topics include: the US constitution, federalism, the president and Congress, the judiciary, political culture and society, political parties, the electoral system, US internal politics		
Prerequisites and co-requisites	B2 level English competency		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	test	51.0%	50.0%
	class presentation	51.0%	50.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	Noll, Mark A. God and Race in American Politics: A Short History. Princeton University Press. 2008. Paletz, David L. and Diana Owen. 21st Century American Government and Politics, Vol. 10. 2012. https://2012books.lardbucket.org/pdfs/21st-century-american-government-and-politics.pdf . US Government and Politics. Crash Course. 2015. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lrk4oY7UxpQ&list=PL8dPuuaLjXtOfse2ncvffeelTrqvhrz8H .	
	Supplementary literature	American Government and Politics in the Information Age (The Saylor Foundation under a Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-ShareAlike 3.0 License). 2011. https://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks/textbooks/64 . "American History: From Emancipation to the Present," (AFAM 162), Yale University courses, 2012, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b4cOAX7S0FU . US Government and Politics. Crash Course. 2015. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lrk4oY7UxpQ&list=PL8dPuuaLjXtOfse2ncvffeelTrqvhrz8H . Valley, Richard M. American Politics: A Very Short Introduction. Oxford University Press, 2013.	
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	checks and balances, federalism, electoral college, Declaration of Independence, the Constitution		
Work placement	Not applicable		

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