

Subject card

Subject name and code	Introduction to Political Science, PG_00190961						
Field of study	Political Studies						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026	Academic year of realisation of subject			2026/2027		
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	1	Language of instruction			Polish		
Semester of study	1	ECTS credits			2.0		
Learning profile	academic	Assessment form			exam		
Conducting unit	Division of Political Theory -> Institute of Political Science -> Faculty of Social Sciences -> Rector						
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	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		0.0		20.0	50
Subject objectives	The aim of the classes is to familiarize students with the manifestations of politics and conditions of the political sphere of social life; acquiring basic concepts and scientific categories necessary for an objective view and analysis of political reality, its meaning and the role of political power and the state in the life of a citizen. In addition, the specific goal is to discuss the basic issues necessary to understand the mechanisms of policy functioning, as well as theoretical preparation of students to master topics in other subjects in subsequent semesters of study.						

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.	Critically evaluates the relationships learned.	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLL3_K03] Is prepared to work in public organisations and institutions, including public administration bodies, political parties and other national and international organisations.	Knowledge of introductory political science is essential for working in politically related organizations and institutions.	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLL3_U09] Can analyse and evaluate the process of governing and decision-making and see their consequences.	Evaluates the process of governance and political decision-making.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLL3_U01] Can correctly interpret and explain the behaviour of individuals and social groups in social life, especially political life.	Evaluates and explains the behavior of people and groups in policy processes.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[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, social and cultural conditions of political life and its structures	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLL3_W13] Has advanced knowledge of the origin and evolution of political norms organizing social structures and institutions relevant to politics, including legal and ethical issues in the field of intellectual property and copyright protection.	The student knows psychosocial determinants of political behaviour	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
	[POLL3_W07] Has advanced knowledge about democracy, civil society, political culture and the essence of public discourse in historical and contemporary terms.	Knows definition of democracy	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLL3_W01] Possesses advanced and systematized knowledge of political sciences and their subdisciplines, as well as their mutual relations. Has advanced knowledge of political science and related terminology.	Knows structure of political science and administration	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[POLL3_U06] Can explain and describe the principles and values of a democratic state and actively participate in public discourse.	Knows definition of democracy	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written	
Subject contents	<p>1. Social reception of knowledge about politics 2. Scope and subject structure of political science 3. Functions of political science 4. Key stages of the evolution of knowledge about politics 5. Ideology and criteria of political identity 6. Radicalism, extremism and political fundamentalism 7. Basic definitions of policy 8. Policy field and key dimensions of its analysis 9. Psychosocial determinants of political behavior 10. power as the central institution of the political sphere of social life 11. Legitimacy, alienation and functions of political power 12. features and sociotechnical resources of political power 13. political subjectivity and its determinants 14. Morality and politics - mutual relations 15. Politics and economics.</p>		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	oral egzam	50.0%	100.0%

Recommended reading	Basic literature	<p>Wprowadzenie do nauki o państwie i polityce, red. M. Żmigrodzki, B. Szmulik, Lublin 2003. Społeczeństwo i polityka. Podstawy nauk politycznych, red. K. A. Wojtaszczyk, W. Jakubowski, Warszawa 2003. A. Heywood, Politologia, Warszawa 2006. J. Nocoń, A. Laska, Teoria polityki. Wprowadzenie, Warszawa 2005. A.W. Jabłoński, L. Sobkowiak red., Studia z teorii polityki, tom I, tom II, Wrocław 1996 i 1997. R. J. Dalton, H. D. Klingemann red. Zachowania polityczne, T 1, T. 2, Warszawa 2010, wybrane zagadnienia. K. Skarżyńska (red.), Podstawy psychologii politycznej, Poznań 2002, wybrane zagadnienia. A.2. studiowana samodzielnie przez studenta: A. Heywood, Klucz do politologii. Najważniejsze ideologie systemy postaci, Poznań 2008. S. Lipset, Homo politicus, Społeczne podstawy polityki, Warszawa 1999.</p>
	Supplementary literature	<p>Heywood A., Politologia, Warszawa 2006. Heywood A., Ideologie polityczne; Wprowadzenie, Warszawa 2003. Meller A., Radomski G., Wojdyło W., Antologia współczesnej polskiej myśli politycznej, Toruń 2013. Paleczny T., Nowe ruchy społeczne, Kraków 2010. Tomczak Ł., Partie polityczne. Struktury, programy, kampanie, Warszawa 2014. K. Skarżyńska (red.), Podstawy psychologii politycznej, Poznań 2002, wybrane zagadnienia. A.W. Jabłoński, L. Sobkowiak red., Marketing polityczny w teorii i praktyce, Wrocław 2002.</p>
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	<p>List and discuss the functions of political science Features of the ideal state according to Plato and Aristotle Factors determining socio-divisions and political structure in society Definitions of political power in state power Discuss the relationship between economics and politics Features of political manipulation Normative and utilitarian resources of political power Types of relations between politics and morality Features of political power</p>	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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