

Subject card

Subject name and code	Political Research Methods and Techniques, PG_00190973						
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		Polish		
Semester of study	3		ECTS credits		3.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		credit		
Conducting unit	Division of Political Theory -> Institute of Political Science -> Faculty of Social Sciences -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Dominik Bień				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	0.0	30.0	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		45.0	75
Subject objectives	The purpose of the course is to familiarize students with the methods and techniques used to correctly identify, describe and explain political phenomena, as well as to identify existing theories that describe social and political reality.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[POLL3_K05] Has a need to supplement, expand and improve acquired knowledge and skills.	Understands the need to acquire and expand their knowledge of political science, social science theory and political philosophy	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SK8] observation of student's independent or team work
	[POLL3_U13] Can prepare oral presentations on specific issues using sources and theoretical approaches.	Has the ability to give oral presentations on research theory, methods and techniques, as well as the application of these tools in specific projects	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SU8] observation of student's independent or team work
	[POLL3_U12] Can prepare written works on specific issues using sources and theoretical approaches.	Is able to prepare written work, in particular dissertations, using research questions, hypotheses, objectives and editorial tools	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[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.	Has knowledge of the political sciences, the sub-disciplines of the political sciences, and the methods, theories and concepts used within them	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
	[POLL3_W10] Has advanced knowledge of political sciences research methodology and its relations with other disciplines of social sciences and humanities.	Has knowledge covering paradigms, theories, methods and techniques in the social sciences and the humanities, and understands their links and relationships with techniques in political science	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
	[POLL3_U08] Uses an axionormative system and specific rules and norms. He is also able to use the indications of socio-political doctrines and various concepts of politics to learn and assess political reality.	The student is able to apply selected theoretical approaches and political concepts to the formulation of research questions and the analysis and interpretation of the political reality.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
	[POLL3_U07] Can use research methods and techniques to describe and analyse political phenomena.	Has the ability to apply research methods and techniques, both quantitative and qualitative, to analyse current political developments at home and abroad	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SU8] observation of student's independent or team work
	[POLL3_K06] Is prepared to critically evaluate historical, economic, social, and cultural processes and phenomena thanks to an awareness of the interdependencies between them and politics.	Students are equipped to critically evaluate research findings and interpret political phenomena, taking into account their historical, social, economic and cultural contexts.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SK4] test/exam - oral or written
Subject contents	The aims, scope and subject matter of political science research. The political scientists toolkit; relevant literature. Methodology fundamental issues. The specific nature of political science research. Selected methodological and theoretical approaches in the social sciences, humanities and political science. Qualitative research methods. Quantitative research methods. Major explanatory theories. Techniques for gathering source material. Critique of sources. Methods for processing source material. Editing of dissertations		
Prerequisites and co-requisites	no		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	student activity	100.0%	15.0%
	writing project	51.0%	15.0%
	test	51.0%	70.0%

Recommended reading	Basic literature	Babbie E., Badania społeczne w praktyce, Warszawa 2020. Jemielniak D., Badania jakościowe; Metody i narzędzia, t. 2, Warszawa 2012. Nocon J., Laska A., Teoria polityki; Wprowadzenie, Warszawa 2010. Marsh D., Stoker G., Teorie i metody w naukach politycznych, Krakow 2006. Denzin N. K.; Lincoln Y. S., Metody badań jakościowych, t. 1,2; Warszawa 2024
	Supplementary literature	Creswell J. W., Projektowanie badań naukowych; Metody jakościowe, ilościowe i mieszane, Krakow 2013. Eco U., Jak pisać prace dyplomowe. Poradnik dla humanistów, Warszawa 2007. Mackiewicz J., Jak pisać teksty naukowe, Gdansk 1995. Chalmers A., Czym jest to, co zwiemy nauką? Wrocław 1997. Klementewicz T., Rozumienie polityki. Zarys metodologii nauki o polityce, Warszawa 2010. Nowak S., Metodologia badań społecznych, Warszawa 2007. Studia europejskie. Zagadnienia metodologiczne, red. K.A. Wojtaszczyk, W. Jakubowski, Warszawa 2010. Zukowski A., Politologia jako dyscyplina naukowa i kierunek kształcenia. Zarys problematyki, Olsztyn 2006 Gibbs G., Analizowanie danych jakościowych. Niezbędnik badacza, Warszawa 2011 Charmaz K., Teoria ugruntowana; Praktyczny przewodnik po analizie jakościowej, Warszawa 2009 Domańska E., Pomorski J., Wprowadzenie do metodologii historii, Warszawa 2023
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	- what basic paradigms and theories have been formed in the humanities, social and political sciences;- what basic quantitative and qualitative techniques are used in the social sciences;- how to properly edit a thesis;- how to find appropriate sources for a thesis.	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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