

Subject card

Subject name and code	Principles of a democratic state of law and political system in the age of information society - lecture, PG_00198038						
Field of study	Administration						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026	Academic year of realisation of subject			2026/2027		
Education level	Master'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			4.0		
Learning profile	academic	Assessment form			exam		
Conducting unit	Department of Constitutional Law and Political Institutions -> Faculty of Law and Administration -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Aleksandra Szydzik				
	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		68.0	100
Subject objectives	The aim of the course is to familiarize students with the fundamental principles of a democratic state governed by the rule of law and with the functioning of contemporary political systems in the context of transformations resulting from the development of the information society. During the course, students will become acquainted with the significance of constitutional principles of the rule of law, the mechanisms of operation of public institutions, and the impact of modern information technologies on political, administrative, and legal processes. The course also aims to develop students ability to analyze contemporary challenges to democracy, such as the digitalization of public administration, access to public information, the protection of civil rights in the digital environment, and the role of new media in democratic processes.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[ADMINMU2_K01] Being aware of the role of knowledge in solving problems related to the organization and functioning of public administration, as well as the application of law in selected domains of social and economic life, he/she is prepared to think critically and evaluate substantive content, including legal norms, and to draw on expert knowledge.	The student is prepared to critically analyse and evaluate legal and institutional solutions concerning the functioning of a democratic state governed by the rule of law and public administration, with particular attention to challenges resulting from the development of information technologies, and to make use of expert knowledge when addressing problems related to the functioning of the state and administration.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
	[ADMINMU2_W03] Knows and understands the current dilemmas concerning the functioning of public administration and the application of legal institutions within the sphere of the state, administration, and the economy, including in the context of the creation and development of various forms of entrepreneurship, with particular emphasis on regulations concerning new technologies law.	The student knows and understands contemporary dilemmas and challenges related to the functioning of the state and public administration in the context of digital transformation, in particular issues concerning access to public information, the protection of individual rights in the digital environment, the use of new technologies in public administration, and legal regulations related to the development of the information society.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[ADMINMU2_W01] Has an advanced knowledge and understanding of the theories, methods, concepts, and terminology appropriate to legal sciences as well as the study of administration and politics, particularly with regard to the system of public authority, administrative activity, and the legal determinants of the organization and functioning of administration, including those characteristic of the state and the information society, as well as issues concerning various aspects of the application of new technologies.	The student has an in-depth knowledge and understanding of the principles of a democratic state governed by the rule of law, the fundamental elements of the political system, and the mechanisms of functioning of public authorities in the context of the development of the information society, particularly with regard to the impact of new technologies on the functioning of the state and public administration.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written

Subject contents	<p>The origins and development of the concept of a democratic state governed by the rule of law.</p> <p>Fundamental constitutional principles of a democratic state.</p> <p>Mechanisms of control over public authority in a state governed by the rule of law - constitutional review of legislation, judicial review of public administration, and the role of independent state institutions.</p> <p>The place and role of public administration in a democratic state governed by the rule of law - tasks of public administration, forms of administrative activity, and relations between public administration and citizens.</p> <p>The concept and characteristics of the information society - the development of information and communication technologies and their significance for the functioning of the state, the economy, and social life.</p> <p>Digitalization of public administration and the development of e-government - electronic forms of delivering public services, the digitalization of administrative processes, and the use of information technologies in public governance.</p> <p>The right of access to public information and the transparency of public authorities - access to public information as an element of a democratic state governed by the rule of law and its importance in the information society.</p> <p>Protection of individual rights and freedoms in the digital environment - protection of personal data, privacy, and information security in the context of the development of new technologies.</p> <p>Contemporary challenges for democracy and the rule of law in the information society - the impact of digitalization, new media, and online platforms on democratic processes, the functioning of state institutions, and relations between the state and citizens.</p>		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	Written exam	51.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	<p>L. Garlicki, Polskie prawo konstytucyjne. Zarys wykładu, 12th edition, Warsaw 2025.</p> <p>M. Golka, Czym jest społeczeństwo informacyjne?, "Ruch Prawniczy, Ekonomiczny i Socjologiczny" 2005, issue 4, pp. 253-265.</p> <p>and selected normative acts indicated by the lecturer</p>	
	Supplementary literature	<p>K. Chałubińska - Jentkiewicz i in., Prawo prywatności jako reguła społeczeństwa informacyjnego, Warsaw 2017</p> <p>Kuciński, W. Wołpiuk, Zasady ustroju politycznego państwa w Konstytucji Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej z 1997 roku, Warsaw 2012</p>	
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed			
Work placement	Not applicable		

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