

Subject card

Subject name and code	Political Philosophy and Ethics, PG_00204061						
Field of study	Political Studies						
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 Humanistic-social subject group		
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		3.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		credit		
Conducting unit	Institute of Political Science -> Faculty of Social Sciences -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr hab. Adam Romejko				
	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		3.0		42.0	75
Subject objectives	The aim of the course is to present concepts related to the political community, i.e. the state, and the basic problems related to this reality.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[POLMU2_W13] Has in-depth knowledge of political philosophy and ethics, and is able to analyze ethical and philosophical issues in the context of political life.	The student has the necessary knowledge of the philosophy and ethics of politics and is able to use it in his/her professional and personal/civic life.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
	[POLMU2_W03] Has in-depth knowledge of various political theories and doctrines and is able to analyze their significance and application in contemporary politics.	he student is familiar with various theories and doctrines on the functioning of the state and the making of politics.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
	[POLMU2_U02] Is able to critically and independently analyze the mechanisms of political power.	The student is able to perceive and factually assess the mechanisms involved in the exercise of state power.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLMU2_U01] Is able to describe and evaluate political life from the perspective of various theoretical and doctrinal approaches.	The student is able to present the functioning of the state using different research perspectives and theoretical approaches.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLMU2_K07] Is able to independently and critically supplement knowledge and develop disciplinary skills, taking into account the interdisciplinary dimension of issues and problems.	The student is capable of independently completing knowledge of the state. At the same time, he/she uses an interdisciplinary approach in this process.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLMU2_K06] Is convinced of the importance of professional and ethical conduct and is able to actively promote and implement such attitudes in everyday life and professional practice, as well as in public activities if undertaken.	The student is aware of the importance of ethical issues for the functioning of the state, above all the common good. Is convinced of the importance of behaviour marked by professionalism and ethics. He/she is ready to take action to popularise such an intellectual and moral approach.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SK4] test/exam - oral or written
Subject contents	A. Preliminary issues: Explanation of basic concepts. Subject and functions of political philosophy. Methods of political philosophy. Political philosophy and related sciences. B. Concepts of political community: 1. The ancient Greek idea of politeia. 2. Machiavellianism. 3. Conservatism. 4. Anarchism. 7. Marxism. 8. Racism. 9. Liberalism. 10. Republicanism. 11. Communitarianism. 12. Social personalism. 13. Religious and political fundamentalism. C. Central problems of political philosophy: 1. Origin of the political community. 2. Forms of the state. 3. State structure. 4. Functions and attributes of the state. 5. Values and principles of political democracy. 6. Civil society and participatory democracy. 7. The paradigm of ethical neutrality of the public sphere. 8. The problem of the state's ideological neutrality. 9. Integration and globalization processes and the status of the state.		
Prerequisites and co-requisites	Basics of philosophical knowledge and knowledge of civic education.		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	80% final test, 20% active attendance at lectures.	51.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	Filozofia polityki współcześnie, red. J. Zdybel, L. Zdybel, Kraków 2013. Kowalczyk S., Zarys filozofii polityki, Lublin 2008. Romejko A., Przemoc w Indiach na przykładzie sytuacji społeczności chrześcijańskiej, Studia Gdańskie 2008, t. 23, s. 413-424. Szahaj A., Jakubowski M. N., Filozofia polityki, Warszawa 2015. Szutta A., Obywatelskie nieposłuszeństwo. Próba określenia pojęcia, w: Od filozofii polityki do praktyki politycznej, red. A. Szahaj, Toruń 2006.	

	Supplementary literature	Film: Władca much, 1990, USA. Pytania współczesnej filozofii polityki, red. D. Pietrzyk-Reeves, Kraków 2007. Rawls J., Wykłady z historii filozofii polityki, Warszawa 2010. Romejko A., Rola arcybiskupa Desmond Tutu w walce z apartheidem, w: Ugrupowania polityczne i ruchy społeczne w Afryce (Forum Politologiczne, t. 9).
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	What saying can be used to summarize Machiavelli's ideas? Was the German anthem created in the 19th century racist? Explain. What four concepts relating to the genesis of the state were presented during the lectures? Briefly discuss one of them. Is the Vatican theocratic or caesaropapist? Explain.	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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