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SUBJECT CARD

1. Basic information

Subject	Political Systems
Faculty	Faculty of Law
Field of study	International Relations
Specialisation	International Business
PQF level	6 PQF
Level of studies	first-cycle studies
Form of studies	full-time studies
Group of activities	-----
Number of ECTS credits	6
Subject type	specialization
Total number of hours	30h
Didactic cycle	2024/2025 winter
Academic semester	4
Academic year	2
Education profile	general academic
Year of implementation	2025/2026
Language of instruction	English
Person responsible for the subject	prof. UAFM dr hab. Anna Kargol (e-mail: akargol@uafm.edu.pl)

Semester, number of ECTS credits, class type, number of hours

Semester	Lecture
4	30h 6 ECTS

2. Subject objectives

C1	the main aim of this course it is to present the most characteristic political systems of Europe and the most significant related phenomena
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3. Prerequisites

No demands.

4. Learning content

W1	Knowledge: Student has a basic knowledge concerning the origins and functions of the institutions of the state. Student has basic knowledge about the principal constitutional rules and structure of the main institutions of the state, their competences and mutual relations	EUK6_W2, EUK6_W3
U1	Skills: Student can analyze the decision made by the subjects of state structures Student can analyze the behaviors of the subjects of state structures	EUK6_U1
K1	Social competence: Student can judge in a reasonable way the decisions and behaviours of the institutions of state.	EUK6_KS5

5. Curriculum content

Lecture (30 h)

Code	Topic blocks (semester: 4)
Wyk1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The general characteristic of Political system/ varies approaches.- Introduction to the development of the modern parliamentarism as a system in Europe- Political System of England- Majority electoral system and its consequences (general characteristics of the other types)- Political system of Germany / as the example of the federal state- Political system of Sweden- Bikameralism versus unikameralism- Political system of France- Political system of Switzerland- Political system of USA

6. Teaching methods

Lecture	
M2	Text analysis
M6	Discussion
M17	Multimedia presentation
M20	Lecture

7. Student workload

Form of student activity	Student workload
Lecture	30h
Including the e-learning method:	0 h
Student's own work	
	120h
Total workload	
Total number of hours for the course	150 h
Total number of ECTS credits	6 ECTS

8.

Evaluation criteria

Course completion criteria:

Test one choice questions

Lectures (Final exam / Final pass)	
Grade 5:	90% - 100% of questions correct
Grade 4,5:	80% - 89% of questions correct
Grade 4:	70% - 79% of questions correct
Grade 3,5:	60% - 69% of questions correct
Grade 3:	51% - 59% of questions correct

9. Reading materials

Course reading materials

1. Facts Shhet Political System of Germany (pdf online: Research Office, Legislative Council Secretariat) (pdf)
Bundestag and Bundesrat (materials from official webpage of German Parliament) (PDF)
Małgorzata Maj, Coabitation: The Parliamentary aspect of the French Semi - Presidential System, EASTERN JOURNAL OF EUROPEAN STUDIES Volume 4, Issue 1, June2013 (pdf)
Nathalie BLANC-NOEL, Resolving the dilemma between equality and liberty:the Swedish political system, EASTERN JOURNAL OF EUROPEAN STUDIES Volume 4, Issue 1, June2013 (pdf)
PARLIAMENT: its Purpose and Role in the UKGeorge Jones: Emeritus Professor of Government, London School of Economics and Political Science (pdf)
Shifting the Balance? Parliament, theExecutive and the British Constitution by Matthew Flinders, University of Sheffield, Political Studies 2002, vol 50 (23-42) (pdf)
Unicameralism, Bicameralism, Multicameralism: Evolution and Trends in Europe by Paolo Passaglia, Perspectives on Federalism Vol 10, Issue 2, 2018 (PDF)
(University of Birmingham — Political Systems Top Guide, Birmingham, 2014

10. Additional information for students

the main articles in pdf will be distributed by the teacher or via mail or MS Teams

11. Information about academic teachers

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