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SUBJECT CARD

1. Basic information

Subject	Studies on State
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	obligatory
Total number of hours	30h
Didactic cycle	2024/2025 winter
Academic semester	3
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
3	30h 6 ECTS

2. Subject objectives

C1	The aim of the course is to give the student the knowledge concerning theory of the state, notions, typology, functions and relations with other institutions and systems.
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3. Prerequisites

No special demands.

4. Learning content

W1	Knowledge: The student knows the basic forms of the state, types of power, understands the nature of power exercised in the state. The student knows the basic mechanisms governing public life in the state. He understands the function of the state and the institution of citizenship.	EUK6_W2
U1	Skills: The student is able to analyze the causes, consequences and nature of the basic political processes in the modern state. The student is able to distinguish activities within the limits of state functions from others, and civil attitudes from non-civic ones	EUK6_U1
K1	Social competence: the student is aware of the need to constantly update his knowledge of the functioning of modern states.	EUK6_KS1

5. Curriculum content

Lecture (30 h)

Code	Topic blocks (semester: 3)
Wyk1	1. The main characteristic of the state and its origins. W2, U1 2. The historical types of the state. W2 3. The main forms of the contemporary state. W2, U1 4. The political forms of the state. Democracy and political leadership in democracy. W2, U1 5. The totalitarianism and authoritarianism - totalitarian and authoritarian political leader. W,2 U1 6. Political culture. W2, U1, KS1 7. Public opinion and its role in the state. W2, U1, KS1 8. The basic functions of the state. W2, U1, 9. Relations between the state and citizens. W2, U1, KS1 10. Relations between the state and the nation(s)/ ethnic groups. W2, U1, KS1 (each sector 3h)

6. Teaching methods

Lecture	
M2	Text analysis
M6	Discussion
M20	Lecture
M21	Use of distance learning tools

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:

The single choice test with several open questions

Lectures (Final exam / Final pass)	
Grade 5:	passing 90% of the test
Grade 4,5:	passing 80% of the test
Grade 4:	passing 70% of the test
Grade 3,5:	passing 60% of the test
Grade 3:	passing 55% of the test

9. Reading materials

Course reading materials

1. The State by Claudio Foliti - pdf Universita di Roma (Eng)

John Gerring, Strom C. Thacker, Carola Moreno Boston University, Are Federal Systems Better than Unitary Systems? pdf (eng)

Ludger Helm, Leadership succession in politics: The democracy/autocracy divide revisited. The British Journal of Politics and

International Relations 2020, Vol. 22(2) 328–346 © The Author(s) 2020, pdf (eng)

Articles online:

http://shodhganga.inflibnet.ac.in/bitstream/10603/55344/8/08_chapter%202.pdf

https://kellogg.nd.edu/sites/default/files/old_files/documents/331_0.pdf

<https://www.eolss.net/sample-chapters/C04/E6-32-01-03.pdf>

<http://www.diva-portal.org/smash/get/diva2:54505/FULLTEXT01.pdf>

<http://www.inquiriesjournal.com/articles/1410/defining-the-legitimacy-and-power-of-the-state-through-weber-and-foucault>

<http://www.sjsu.edu/people/ken.nuger/courses/pols120/Ch-3-Principles-of-Democracy.pdf>

<http://www.worldscientificnews.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/WSN-672-2017-80-101.pdf>

<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/pdf/10.1177/0192512101222003>

<http://psi424.cankaya.edu.tr/uploads/files/Pierson,%20The%20Modern%20State,%202nd%20ed.PDF>

10. Information about academic teachers

Lecturer(s)

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