UNIVERSITY
OF ECONOMICS AND HUMAN SCIENCES
IN WARSAW

Field of study:

Political Science

Subject: Problems and challenges of contemporary democracy

Level of study: undergraduate studies
System of study: Full-time
Profile of studies: practical
Subject: Problems and challenges of contemporary democracy

Form of classes and the ECTS points

	Number of hours	ECTS points	Credit
exercises	30		credit with mark
Total	30	8	

Aims of teaching

The main purpose of the subject is to familiarize students with a complexity of democracy as a theoretical notion on the one hand and practical reality on the other. Students will get to know about different theories of democracy and they will also study chosen aspects of democratic life in different countries.

Intended learning outcomes

	KNOWLEDGE	
SYMBOL	**DESCRIPTION**	**REFERENCE TO THE PROFILE OUTCOME**
P_W1	Students are ready to explain mechanisms and structures that are typical for functioning of democracy and indicates factors of historical, cultural and social background for it.	Pol_WG02 Pol_WG07
P_W2	Student is able to provide the most important areas that differ practical and theoretical dimension of democracy	Pol_WG05
P_W3	Student knows the sources of debates in European political and social thought in democracy and discusses rates between pathologies of public life and efficiency of democracy	Pol_WG03

	SKILLS	
SYMBOL	**DESCRIPTION**	**REFERENCE TO THE PROFILE OUTCOME**
P_U1	Student is able to recognize difference between declarations and facts in democratic reality	Pol_UW02 Pol_UW03
P_U2	Student can analyse challenges of democracy in future and is ready to use meters of democratization of a state and its efficiency for analysing of individual world democracies	Pol_UW04 Pol_UK02

	SOCIAL COMPETENCES	
SYMBOL	**DESCRIPTION**	**REFERENCE TO THE PROFILE OUTCOME**
P_K1	Student can see need for defence of democratic values and is prepared to public debate about problem of democratization of the states as well is able to be critical about democracy	Pol_KK01 Pol_KO02

Course content

NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	FORM OF CLASSES	NUMBER OF HOURS
1	1. What does democracy mean? - sources of discrepancies in theory and practice.	exercises	3 / 3
2	2. Contemporary models of democracy	exercises	3 / 3

NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	FORM OF CLASSES	NUMBER OF HOURS
3	3. Processes of democratization – models and practice	exercises	3 / 3
4	4. Civil society: ways of functioning in chosen European democratic countries.	exercises	3 / 3
5	5. Standards of human rights and their implementation in democracy.	exercises	3 / 3
6	6. Corruption in democratic reality.	exercises	3 / 3
7	7. Democracy, its efficiency and economic development.	exercises	3 / 3
8	8. Populist tendencies in democracy.	exercises	3 / 3
9	9. Crisis in contemporary democracy: a new project of illiberal democracy?	exercises	3 / 3
10	10. European democracy? Democracy in the European Union?	exercises	3 / 3

Conditions of completion

EXERCISES

TYPE OF CREDIT	CREDIT INFLUENCE (IN %)
Exam (for the lecturers only)	0
Presence in classes	20
Class work	40
Project	40
Final project	0
Credit	0
Exercises final credit	0

Teaching methods

- multimedia presentations
- lectures accompanied by an analysis of case studies
- discussion
- lectures with discussion
- groups discussion

Reading (compulsory)

- R. Dahl. Democracy and its critics 1987
- M. Kuź. Democracy and extreme confidence in government: an analysis of the relation between the quality of democracy and the confidence in governments in 54 states 2013
- F. Cunningham. Theories of Democracy. A critical introduction 2002

Reading (additional)

- A. Wierzchowska. Democracy in the postnational world, in: The Processes of Transnational Governance 2004

Odniesienie efektów przedmiotowych do efektów kierunkowych, treści kształcenia, metod weryfikacji

SYMBOL	REFERENCE OF A GIVEN OUTCOME TO THE PROFILE OUTCOME	REFERENCE OF A GIVEN OUTCOME TO THE COURSE CONTENT	REFERENCE OF A GIVEN OUTCOME TO THE VERIFICATION METHODS
KNOWLEDGE			
P_W1	Pol_WG02 Pol_WG07	2 4 6	exercises written test Case discussions Activity during the lectures and exercises Group discussion
P_W2	Pol_WG05	1 5 6 8	Activity during the lectures and exercises Group discussion
P_W3	Pol_WG03	3 7 9	Group discussion Activity during the lectures and exercises
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SKILLS			
P_U1	Pol_UW02 Pol_UW03	1 5	Ability to work in the team and hold discussion Activity during the lectures and exercises
P_U2	Pol_UW04 Pol_UK02	3 7 8 10	Case discussions
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SOCIAL COMPETENCES			
P_K1	Pol_KK01 Pol_KO02	9 10	Ability to work in the team and hold discussion