

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.

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_U1 P_U2		_		
_	and facts in democratic reality Student can analyse challenges of democracy in future and is ready to use meters of democratization of a state and its	Pol_UW03 Pol_UW04		
_	and facts in democratic reality 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_UW03 Pol_UW04		

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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	SKI	LLS		
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	