**Course Syllabus**

1. **General Information**

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| Course name | Contemporary political systems |
| Programme | Journalism and social communication |
| Level of studies (BA, BSc, MA, MSc, long-cycle MA) | BA |
| Form of studies (full-time, part-time) | Full-time |
| Discipline | Political knowledge |
| Language of instruction | English |

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| Course coordinator/person responsible | Joanna Szegda, PhD |

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| Type of class *(use only the types mentioned below)* | Number of teaching hours | Semester | ECTS Points |
| lecture | 30 | I | 4 |
| tutorial |  |  |
| classes | 15 | I |
| laboratory classes |  |  |
| workshops |  |  |
| seminar |  |  |
| introductory seminar |  |  |
| foreign language classes |  |  |
| practical placement |  |  |
| field work |  |  |
| diploma laboratory |  |  |
| translation classes |  |  |
| study visit |  |  |

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| Course pre-requisites | - |

1. **Course Objectives**

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| O1 - students acquire knowledge about the basis issues concerning contemporary political systems |
| O2 – students learn basic skills in analysing contemporary political systems |
| O3 – students understand conditioning contemporary policy |

1. **Course learning outcomes with reference to programme learning outcomes**

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| Symbol | Description of course learning outcome | Reference to programme learning outcome |
| KNOWLEDGE | | |
| K\_W05 | Basic economic, legal, ethical and social conditions of social communication and various types of professional activity related to journalism and promotional and advertising activities, including basic concepts and principles in the field of intellectual property protection and copyright law | P6U\_W2 |
| SKILLS | | |
| K\_U01 | Properly choose information sources, independently reach information sources, select information due to their suitability for a specific theoretical or practical purpose | P6U\_U1 |
| K\_U04 | Use the theoretical knowledge to describe selected social, political, economic, cultural and legal phenomena and processes of interest to journalism and social communication | P6U\_U1 |
| K\_U06 | Take part in debates, present and justify his/her own positions, present and evaluate various opinions and discuss them | P6U\_U3 |
| SOCIAL COMPETENCIES | | |
| K\_K01 | Critically assess his/her knowledge and received content, formulate and justify his/her own assessments | P6U\_K2 |
| K\_K02 | Use the media as a source of information about social life and culture, and as a tool to influence social and cultural processes serving the common good and public interests | P6U\_K2 |

1. **Course Content**

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| 1. Modern democracy: the concept, types, democracy versus totalitarianism and authoritarianism, liberal democracy, the role of the mass media. 2. State authority: - legislative, parliament, functions, - executive, functions, systems of power: presidential, semi-presidential, parliamentary-cabinet, - judiciary, functions, the concept of law, the division of judicial power, 6. Party systems: the concept of a political party, functions, types, classifications. 7. Electoral systems: proportional order, majority voting, system influence electoral system on the party system. 8. Pressure groups: the concept of a pressure group, pressure group and lobbying, typologies of pressure groups, functions of pressure groups. 9. Selected political systems of the world: United States, Great Britain, France, Germany, Switzerland, Poland, European Union. |

1. **Didactic methods used and forms of assessment of learning outcomes**

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| Symbol | Didactic methods  *(choose from the list)* | Forms of assessment  *(choose from the list)* | Documentation type  *(choose from the list)* |
| KNOWLEDGE | | | |
| K\_W01 | Traditional lecture  Discussion | Exam  Observation | Assessment sheet Assessment sheet |
| UMIEJĘTNOŚCI | | | |
| K\_U01 | Project  Traditional lecture | Presentation  Exam | Assessment sheet  Assessment sheet |
| K\_U04 | Project  Traditional lecture | Presentation  Exam | Assessment sheet  Assessment sheet |
| K\_U06 | Project  Traditional lecture | Presentation  Exam | Assessment sheet  Assessment sheet |
| KOMPETENCJE SPOŁECZNE | | | |
| K\_K01 | Discussion | Observation | Assessment sheet |

e.g.: methods: Conversation lecture, traditional lecture, discussion, case study; forms: test, essay, presentation, writing assignment; doc: assessment sheet,

1. **Grading criteria, weighting factors**

Systematic attendance at classes

Passing reading

Participation in events (conferences, seminars) related to the topic of the classes.

Written exam

Passing classes

1. **Student workload**

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| Form of activity | Number of hours |
| Number of contact hours (with the teacher) | **45** |
| Number of hours of individual student work | **30** |

1. **Literature**

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| Basic literature |
| Marek Żmigrodzki, Bożena Dziemidok-Olszewska, (red.), Współczesne systemy polityczne, Warszawa 2013.  Andrzej Antoszewski, Ryszard Herbut, Systemy polityczne współczesnej Europy, Warszawa 2006.  Marek Migalski, Waldemar Wojtasik, Marek Mazur, Polski system partyjny, Warszawa 2006.  Konstanty Adam Wojtaszczyk (red.), Systemy polityczne wybranych państw, Warszawa 2004. |
| Additional literature |
| Presse articles |