

Selected courses in English in the academic year 2011/2012

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| KUL institute/department: | Department of Political Science Faculty of Social Science The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin |
| Course title: | History and political culture of Poland |
| Lecturer (name, surname): | Dr hab. Marek Wierzbicki, prof. KUL |
| ECTS credits: | 2 |
| Course duration (1 st , 2 nd or both semesters): | 1 st semester |
| Number of hours: | 30 |
| Methods: | Short presentation prepared by participants as well as written essays related to the lecture. Discussion |
| Course description: | <p>The main objective of the course is to present the history of Poland together with its political culture which will allow students to acquire basic information on the topic. Poland's history usually remains unknown to foreign students. The same often happens to the Polish ones. Therefore this lecture aims at presenting all periods of the history, i. e. from the emergence of the Polish state through the formation of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and its collapse in the XVIIIth century until the end of the XXth century. This also includes territorial changes that occurred during the period of time. It will be combined with a description – in outline – of the formation and development of the Polish political culture. Its all important aspects in all periods of Poland's history will be presented describing the process of creation of political relations within the Polish nation. Thus, each student will be able to learn more about our national and cultural heritage, define basic political terms and understand complexity of political phenomena that have appeared in the Polish territory over a thousand years. Thanks to this combination a lot of important and useful data will be given to those students who have come to Poland to study as well as their Polish colleagues. Special emphasis will be put on modern political history of Poland, mainly in the XXth century. The lecture will also shape a student's ability to formulate opinions, make oral presentations and write essays.</p> |
| Detailed information about course: | 1. Prehistory of Poland, the emergence of the Polish state. |

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| | <p>The struggles for a place In central Europe. Political culture in that period – a concept of patrimonial state.</p> <p>2. Poland during the period of political disintegration (XII-XIV c.), reunification and the last rulers of the Piast dynasty. The state monarchy in Poland.</p> <p>3. Jagiellons on the Polish throne. The political culture of Renaissance in Poland (Jan Ostroróg, Jan Frycz-Modrzewski's thought). The execution movement. The Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth (XV-XVI c.).</p> <p>4. The elected kings. The magnate's oligarchy. The crisis of the Polish state (XVIII c.). Main works of political thinkers of the époque.</p> <p>5. The fall of the Polish state (the end of XVIII c). Partitions of Poland. National Uprisings (XIX c.). Enlightened Sarmatism and other consequences of Enlightenment in Poland. The political thought and heritage of the 3 Maja constitution.</p> <p>6. Life under partitions. Autonomy, independence tendencies. Romantic and positivistic patriotism. Political thought at the turn of the XX c. – socialist, nationalistic, agrarian, conservative.</p> <p>7. The rebirth of the Polish state. The Second Commonwealth in the interwar period (1918-1939). Political life and culture of interwar Poland.</p> <p>8. Word War II In Poland. Occupation policies of the Soviets and the Germans. The Polish resistance movement under the occupations. The Polish government – In – Exile in Paris and London. The Polish Question at the Big Three Conferences. The beginnings of Communist Dictatorship in Poland (1944-1947).</p> <p>9. Stalinism in Poland. Political crisis of 1956 and its consequences.</p> <p>10. Political crises of 1968 and 1970. The fall of the Gomułka regime.</p> <p>11. The protest of 1976 and emergence of the political opposition in Poland. Main currents and views.</p> <p>12. Emergence of the Solidarity movement (1980). Martial Law (1981-1983). The fall of communism in 1989.</p> <p>13. IIIrd Polish Republic (1989-2005). The main traits of the political system. Constitutions and parties. Poland in EU and NATO.</p> |
| Required reading list: | <p>Compulsory reading:</p> <p>1. Bubczyk R., A History of Poland in outline, Lublin 2006</p> <p>2. Davies N., God's Playground. A History of Poland, volumes I and II, Oxford 2005.</p> <p>Recommended:</p> <p>1. A. Paczkowski, The spring will be ours. Poland and</p> |

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| | <p>the Poles from occupation to freedom, University Park, Pennsylvania 2003.</p> <p>2. Banaszak D., Biber T., Leszczyński M., An illustrated History of Poland, Poznań 1998.</p> <p>3. Kolek L., Polish Culture. An Historical Introduction, Lublin 2001.</p> |
| Prerequisites: | none |
| Assessment method: | <p>Attendance and active participation (an oral presentation)– 50% Essay – 50%</p> |