**Course Syllabus**

1. **General Information**

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| Course name | Contemporary Political Systems |
| Programme | Contemporary Political Systems |
| Level of studies (BA, BSc, MA, MSc, long-cycle MA) | BA |
| Form of studies (full-time, part-time) | Full-time |
| Discipline | Social Communication and Media |
| Language of instruction | English |

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| Course coordinator/person responsible | Dr hab. Jacek Wołoszyn, prof. KUL |

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| Type of class *(use only the types mentioned below)* | Number of teaching hours | Semester | ECTS Points |
| Lecture | 30 | 1st | 4 |

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| Course pre-requisites | W1 – the basic knowledge of contemporary political systems  W2 – the interest in the subject |

1. **Course Objectives**

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| C1 – The main objective is to provide a graduate with knowledge of contemporary political systems, both from the theoretical and empirical perspective |
| C2 – The important aim is to introduce a graduate to the evolution of contemporary political systems and their typology |
| C3 – Graduate should use the theoretical approach to describe contemporary political systems |

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 | | |
| W\_01 | Graduate knows and understands at an advanced level selected facts, objects and phenomena as well as selected detailed issues in the field of contemporary political systems | K\_W01 |
| W\_02 | Graduate knows and understands at an advanced level the functioning of contemporary political systems, their history, changes occurring in them and consequences of these changes for social life, economic and culture | K\_W03 |
| W\_03 | Graduate knows and understands basic economic, legal, ethical and social conditions of functioning of contemporary political systems and various types of them | K\_W05 |
| SKILLS | | |
| U\_01 | Graduate can properly choose information sources, independently reach information sources, select information due to their suitability for a specific theoretical purpose related to related to contemporary political systems | K\_U01 |
| U\_02 | Graduate can use advanced information and communication techniques to solve specific practical problems related to contemporary political systems | K\_U02 |
| U\_03 | Graduate can use acquired knowledge to solve typical for contemporary political systems | K\_U03 |
| SOCIAL COMPETENCIES | | |
| K\_01 | Graduate is ready to critically assess his/her knowledge and received content, formulate and justify his/her own assessments | K\_K01 |
| K\_02 | Graduate is ready to think and act in an entrepreneurial manner, diagnosing the needs of the closest surrounding and identifying problems that occur in it | K\_K03 |

1. **Course Content**

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| 1. **Essential terms and theories related to contemporary political systems (policy, state, political power, political system, regime)** 2. **Theoretical approaches to political systems (variety of definitions)** 3. **Political system, its function and subsystems** 4. **Typology of contemporary political systems** 5. **The constitutional rules of contemporary states and the functioning of their political institutions (democratic state of law, separations of powers, idea of sovereignty, representative democracy, electoral systems, political parties’ systems)** 6. **The Legislature, Executive and Judiciary - Parliament (assemblies), Government and Courts** 7. **Political parties and political parties systems** 8. **Elections** 9. **Political systems of the selected contemporary states and the UE** |

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 | | | |
| W\_01 | Lecture and discussion, service learning | Examination | Protocol |
| W\_02 | Lecture and discussion, service learning | Examination | Protocol |
| W\_03 | Lecture and discussion, service learning | Examination | Protocol |
| SKILLS | | | |
| U\_01 | Lecture and discussion, service learning | Examination | Protocol |
| U\_02 | Lecture and discussion, service learning | Examination | Protocol |
| U\_03 | Lecture and discussion, service learning | Examination | Protocol |
| SOCIAL COMPETENCIES | | | |
| K\_01 | Lecture and discussion, service learning | Examination | Protocol |
| K\_02 | Lecture and discussion, service learning | Examination | Protocol |

1. **Grading criteria, weighting factors.....**

***Conditiones sine quibus non* which graduate should meet to complete our lecture are:**

**1. to pass the written text**

**2. to be attended at at least 80 % of classes, students with IOS – at half of these**

**Graduate will get very well grade if she/he**

**- meets of all *conditiones sine quibus non***

**- answers correctly to at least 95 % of questions in the written text**

**Graduate will get very well plus grade if she/he**

**- meets of all *conditiones sine quibus non***

**- answers correctly to at least 90 % of questions in the written text**

**Graduate will get good grade if she/he**

**- meets of all *conditiones sine quibus non***

**- answers correctly to at least 80 % of questions in the written text**

**Graduate will get satisfactory plus grade if she/he**

**- meets all *conditiones sine quibus non***

**- answers correctly to at least 70 % of questions in the written text**

**Graduate will get satisfactory grade if she/he**

**- meets all *conditiones sine quibus non***

**- answers correctly to at least 60 % of questions in the written text**

**Graduate will get unsatisfactory grade if she/he does not**

- **meet all conditionum sine quibus non**

**- answer correctly to at least 60 % of questions in the written text**

**- Students being attended at all classes, but do not get a satisfactory number of points from written text, they will receive a satisfactory grade**

**- Students not meeting c*onditionis sine qua non* (1) who answer to at least 80 % of questions in the written text, they will receive a satisfactory grade**

1. **Student workload**

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| Form of activity | Number of hours |
| Number of contact hours (with the teacher) | **30** |
| Number of hours of individual student work | **90** |

1. **Literature**

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| Basic literature |
| - G. Poggi, *The State. Its nature and Development and Prospects*, Stanford 1990  - A. Heywood, *Politics,* Palgrave Edition (many editions)  - *Systemy polityczne. Podręcznik akademicki*, t. 1: *Zagadnienia teoretyczne*, red. M. Bankowicz, B. Kosowsko-Gąstoł, Kraków 2019 |
| Additional literature |
| - G. Sartori, *Parties and Party Systems. A Framework for Analysis*,  Cambridge 2005 |