GDAŃSK UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

Subject card

Subject name and code	KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE STATE, PG_00070590		
Field of study	Economics		
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026	Academic year of realisation of subject	2026/2027
Education level	first-cycle studies	Subject group	Obligatory subject group in the field of study Subject group related to scientific research in the field of study
Mode of study	Full-time studies	Mode of delivery	at the university
Year of study	1	Language of instruction	Polish
Semester of study	2	ECTS credits	4.0
Learning profile	general academic profile	Assessment form	exam
Conducting unit	Centre of Eastern Studies -> Faculty of Management and Economics -> Faculties of Gdańsk University of Technology		
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor	prof. dr hab. Krystyna Gomółka	
	Teachers		

Lesson types

Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
Number of study hours	15.0	30.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	45

E-learning hours included: 0.0

Learning activity and number of study hours

Learning activity	Participation in didactic classes included in study plan	Participation in consultation hours	Self-study	SUM
Number of study hours	45	3.0	52.0	100

Subject objectives

Preparing students to understand the principles of the organization and functioning of the state based on knowledge from the fields of economics and social sciences, as well as shaping attitudes related to the critical analysis and formulation of opinions about the role of the state in the contemporary world.

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[K6_W06] understands and applies methods for classifying and evaluating acquired information based on advanced general and specialized knowledge, with consideration of their application in various types of professional activities.	knows and understands methods for classifying and evaluating information concerning the functioning of the state and public institutions, based on structured knowledge in the field of state and legal theory, taking into account their application in administrative, political, and socio-economic activities.	[SW1] Assessment of factual knowledge
[K6_U01] demonstrates the ability to leverage acquired knowledge to address complex economic, financial, and social challenges.	Is able to formulate and present their own opinions on various aspects of the functioning of the contemporary state, applying knowledge to the analysis and resolution of complex social, economic, and political issues.	[SU1] Assessment of task fulfilment [SU2] Assessment of ability to analyse information
[K6_K03] is prepared to critically assess the knowledge they possess, which is necessary for solving cognitive and practical problems, and to supplement any gaps with opinions from external experts.	is ready to critically evaluate their knowledge of the functioning of the state and public institutions when analyzing cognitive and practical problems.	[SK5] Assessment of ability to solve problems that arise in practice

Subject contents	Course content – lecture 1. The science of the state as a social science 2. The essence and concept of the state 3. The origins and development of the state 4. Functions of the state 5. Types of states 6. Forms of the state 7. Types of political regimes 8. Society, nation, and state 9. Party systems 10. Forms of civic organization: churches, religious associations, and social organizations 11. The concept and theories of power 12. Legitimization of power 13. State organs 14. The role of public opinion in state actions 15. Institutions that create law in the state Course content – exercises 1. Why do we need a state? 2. Nations and states 3. The role of superpowers in the contemporary world 4. Criteria of contemporary state sovereignty 5. The role of churches in the state 6. Political lobbying 7. Marketing in politics 8. Do political parties reflect the views of society? 9. Society and political culture 10. Terrorism as a form of pressure on the state 11. The economic security of the state 12. Institutions of contemporary democracy 13. The state and corporations 14. The state and the civilizational development of societies 15. The state and new media
Prerequisites and co-requisites	
Assessment methods and criteria	

Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
Presentation	60.0%	20.0%
Written exam with open-ended questions	60.0%	60.0%
Group task assigned by the instructor.	60.0%	20.0%

Recommended reading	Basic literature	1. Analiza ekonomiczna w polityce publicznej (2012), pod.red. A. Surdej, Wydawnictwo Scholar, Warszawa; 2. Osiński J.,(2013), Polityka publiczna we współczesnym państwie, Wydawnictwo SGH, Warszawa 3. Potoczek A., (2017), Polityka regionalna jako polityka publiczna, Wydawnictwo UJ, Kraków ; 4. Zybała A., (2014) Polityki publiczne. Doświadczenia w tworzeniu i wykonywaniu programów publicznych w Polsce i w innych krajach. Wydawnictwo Krajowa Szkoła Administracji Publicznej, Warszawa 5. Nauki o polityce publicznej (2018), pod red. J. Kwaśniewskiego, Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Warszawskiego, Warszawa
	Supplementary literature	1. Arcimowicz J., (2011) Urzędnicy w służbie demokratycznego państwa, Wydawnictwo UW, Warszawa 2. Finanse. Polityka Publiczna,(2015) red K. Poznańska, K. Kraj, Wydawnictwo SGH Warszawa.
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	• Explain the functions of the state • Give examples of lobbying • Explain what political marketing	
Practical activites within the subject	Not applicable	

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