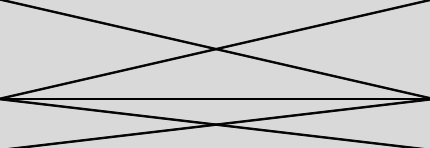
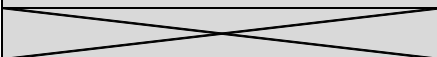
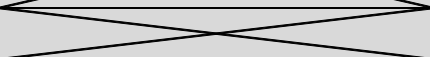


Course title:	Theory of Democracy
Course title in Polish:	Teoria demokracji
Course for discipline:	Sociological Sciences

Semester:	6	Status of course:	faculty	Language:	english
Academic year:	2027/28	Catalog number:	198/2025/26		

Coordinator of course:	Dr hab. Karol Chrobak, prof. SGGW	
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Executing unit:	Institute of Sociological Sciences and Pedagogy	
Ordering unit:	Doctoral School SGGW	
Assumptions, goals and description of the course:	The aim of the course is to familiarize students with the main principles (values) and categories (dimensions) of the democratic order, understood both in the narrow sense as a decision-making procedure and in the broad sense as a political system. The course is divided into two parts: the first focuses on a theoretical introduction to the issues of democracy, while the second deals with contemporary democracies and the challenges they face. Regarding the crisis of modern democracies, we will discuss horizontal and vertical deficits of democracy, manifested in the lack of citizen participation in the decision-making process and insufficient legitimacy of political decisions.	
Didactic form, number of hours:	15 hours	
Teaching methods:	Presentation, discussion	
Limit of people in the group:	20	
<b>Learning outcomes</b>		
<b>KNOWLEDGE - the graduate knows and understands:</b>	<b>SKILLS - the graduate is able to:</b>	<b>COMPETENCES - the graduate is ready to:</b>
To the extent enabling to revise the existing paradigms in the field/discipline - the world achievements, gathering theoretical background as well as general and selected detailed issues	Carry out critical assessment of the scientific research findings and expert activities and their contribution to the knowledge development in the field/discipline	Critically evaluate the achievements in the field/discipline represented
Major general development trends in the field/discipline		Recognise knowledge in solving cognitive and practical problems characteristic for the area of research (field/discipline) and in an interdisciplinary aspect
		Support the ethos of scientific circles and conduct independent research
The method of verification of learning outcomes:	written test (single-choice test with one open-ended question)	
Form of documentation of achieved learning outcomes:	written tests completed by students	
Elements and weights of the final grade:	written test = 100%	
Place of the course:	classroom / MS Teams Platform	
<b>Basic and supplementary literature</b>		
BASIC: 1. Bernard Crick, Democracy. A Very Short Introduction, Oxford University Press 2002; SUPPLEMENTARY: 1. Colin Crouch, Post-Democracy, Polity Press 2004.		
Comments:		

Estimated number of hours of work of the doctoral student necessary to achieve the assumed learning outcomes:	
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Learning outcomes reference to the second degree characteristics of the National Qualification Framework (level 8) covering doctoral competences:		
Symbol:	Learning outcomes:	8 level NQF
SD1_KW01	To the extent enabling to revise the existing paradigms in the field/discipline - the world achievements, gathering theoretical background as well as general and selected detailed issues	P8S_WG
SD1_KW02	Major general development trends in the field/discipline	P8S_WG
SD1_KU05	Carry out critical assessment of the scientific research findings and expert activities and their contribution to the knowledge development in the field/discipline	P8S_UW
SD1_KK01	Critically evaluate the achievements in the field/discipline represented	P8S_KK
SD1_KK03	Recognise knowledge in solving cognitive and practical problems characteristic for the area of research (field/discipline) and in an interdisciplinary aspect	P8S_KK
SD1_KK08	Support the ethos of scientific circles and conduct independent research	P8S_KR