

## **SYLLABUS**

### **SUBJECT:**

Political Systems of European Countries

### **TEACHER:**

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### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

the course covers the notion of political system, government and politics, political regime; it also introduces the principles of political organization; protection of the human rights and freedoms; it takes up the subject of political parties and party systems; institutions of direct democracy; election law and electoral systems; legislative power; executive power; judicial power; organs of legal protection; local government; characteristics of contemporary government and politics of the European countries on the example of France, the United Kingdom; Italy; Germany and the Scandinavian countries.

### **LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

the student will be acquainted with the contemporary constitutional mechanisms of the democratic European states

### **GRADING POLICY:**

exam in the written form

### **TIMETABLE:**

Monday, 17.30

### **TEXTBOOK AND REQUIRED MATERIALS:**

Kuźelewska, E.: *Contemporary Political System*, Temida2, Białystok, 2008

### **PREREQUISITES:**

general knowledge about state and Constitutional Law