

Subject card

Subject name and code	Geopolitics, PG_00149152						
Field of study	Political Studies						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject			2027/2028	
Education level	Bachelor's studies		Subject group			Obligatory subject group in the field of study	
Mode of study	full-time studies		Mode of delivery			at the university	
Year of study	3		Language of instruction			Polish	
Semester of study	5		ECTS credits			1.0	
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form			exam	
Conducting unit	Division of Contemporary History and Political Thought -> Institute of Political Science -> Faculty of Social Sciences -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr hab. Jakub Potulski				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	15.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15
	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	15		0.0		15.0	30
Subject objectives	The aim of the course is to introduce students to the problems of geopolitical thought. The course will analyse the specifics of geopolitical thought in its historical and cultural context. Students are expected to understand the specificity of the term "geopolitics" and have the ability to analyse various geopolitical concepts.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[POLL3_W15] Has advanced knowledge of important structures, processes and phenomena related to the history of Poland, Europe, and the world.	.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLL3_W06] Has advanced knowledge of political, cultural, economic, legal and ethical structures, their origins and changes.	.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLL3_W05] Has advanced knowledge of the historical, economic, social, legal, ethical and cultural conditions of political life.	.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLL3_W03] Has advanced knowledge of the role of man in social life, especially political life, and his interactions with the social, political, cultural, legal and economic environment.	.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLL3_K05] Recognises the need to maintain an appropriate ethical attitude in professional work and public activities.	.	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLL3_U04] Has basic skills in forecasting political processes and phenomena with particular emphasis on threats to the legal, social, and political order.	.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLL3_K01] Is prepared to participate in public life and in teams implementing social, political and civic projects at various levels of participation, and uses the acquired knowledge, skills and competencies to act in an entrepreneurial manner.	.	[SK5] implementation of a problem task
	[POLL3_U03] Is able to analyse and describe the genesis and course of social, political, economic, legal, ethical and cultural processes and phenomena in historical terms and in the contemporary country and the world.	.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLL3_K07] Has a need to supplement, expand and improve acquired knowledge and skills.	.	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLL3_K04] Is prepared to work in public organisations and institutions, including public administration bodies, political parties and other national and international organisations.	.	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLL3_K06] Is ready to recognize and respect different points of view determined by different political, cultural and social backgrounds.	.	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLL3_K08] Thanks to the awareness of the existing relationships between politics and historical, economic, social and cultural phenomena and processes is ready to critically evaluate them.	.	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written

Subject contents	1. The social construction of space - man and space in humanistic geography;2. Spatial determinants of human political activity;3. The emergence of political geography and geopolitics. Its links with German socio-political thought (F. Ratzel);4. The concept of the United States as a maritime power in the strategic thought of A. Mahan;5. The problem of the dominance of the British Empire in the political thought of H. Mackinder;6. The Geopolitik concept of K. Haushofer and the politics of the Third Reich;7. The radical geography of Y. Lacoste;8. Critical geopolitics as a contemporary research approach to geopolitical thought.		
Prerequisites and co-requisites	Completed course in political geography		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	Preparation of an oral analysis of a selected issue	60.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	Potulski J., (2010) <i>Wprowadzenie do geopolityki</i> , Gdańsk: Wydawnictwo UG. Flint, C., (2008) <i>Wstęp do geopolityki</i> , Warszawa: PWN. Blacksell M., (2008) <i>Geografia polityczna</i> , Warszawa 2008. Potulski J., (2021) <i>Wstęp (w:) Kształtowanie się wyobrażeń przestrzennych w rosyjskiej myśli i praktyce politycznej</i> , Poznań: Wydawnictwo FENCE O Tuathail, G., (1996) <i>Critical geopolitics. The Politics of Writing Global Space</i> , Routledge.	
	Supplementary literature	Kazanecki, W., (2012) <i>Współczesna francuska myśl geopolityczna: główne tendencje i ich reprezentanci</i> , Toruń: Wydawnictwo Adam Marszałek. O Tuathail, G., Dalby, S., Routledge, P., (2006) <i>The Geopolitics Reader</i> , Routledge. Dalby S., O Tuathail G., eds (1998) <i>Rethinking Geopolitics</i> , Routledge.	
	eResources addresses		
	Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	A comparative analysis of A. Mahan's work "The Problem of Asia" and Z. Brzezinski's work "The Great Chessboard". "Disputed Spaces" a comparative analysis of the concept of Mitteleurope by J. Parsch and the "Inter-Mediterranean" by E. Rommer.	
Work placement	Not applicable		

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