

Subject card

Subject name and code	Contemporary regional problems - Africa, PG_00149479						
Field of study	Political Studies						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject		2026/2027		
Education level	Master's studies		Subject group		Obligatory subject group in the field of study Optional subject group 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	2		Language of instruction		Polish		
Semester of study	3		ECTS credits		3.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		credit		
Conducting unit							
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Margot Stańczyk-Minkiewicz				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	0.0	30.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30
	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	30		0.0		45.0	75
Subject objectives	The aim of this course is to familiarize students with the specific characteristics of how countries on the African continent function, with particular emphasis on their political, economic, social, and environmental issues.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[POLMU2_K02] Is aware of the level of his/her knowledge and skills, understands the need for continuous professional development and performs a self-assessment of his/her own competences determining his/her place and role on the labour market.	`	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLMU2_W04] Has an advanced knowledge of the mechanisms of functioning of political power.	`	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLMU2_U04] Can identify real and hypothetical threats in the political space.	`	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
	[POLMU2_W08] Has an advanced knowledge of the mechanisms of social perception of politics.	`	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLMU2_U09] Is able to indicate the conditions for the evolution of political systems by properly selecting sources, critically assessing, analysing and synthesising them, creatively interpreting and transferring the acquired knowledge, using advanced information and communication techniques.	`	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written

Subject contents	Introductory Session (2h) an overview of the course topics, a discussion of the requirements for course completion, Africa – Analysis of the Continent's Characteristics – Introductory Lecture (2h/4) geographical conditions political aspects characteristics of the economic situation cultural diversity Dysfunction of African States – The Main Problem of Contemporary Africa (2h/6) dysfunction of African states political instability of states indicators of dysfunction The Problem of Hunger and Lack of Drinking Water in Africa (2h/8) the scale of malnutrition on the African continent the cost of food in Africa limited access to drinking water in Africa water infrastructure water as the most expensive resource in Africa The Problem of Poverty in African Countries (2h/10) Slums—the primary place of residence for the average African Lack of Sanitary Infrastructure in Africa The Characteristics and Identity of Slum Communities Kibera (Kenya)—A Must-See Film Health Security of Africans (2h/12) the scale of epidemics on the continent access to healthcare within a country medical infrastructure in Africa health security of Africans The Scale of Illiteracy in Africa and Access to the Labor Market (2h/14) Access to education Level of education Educational opportunities (education for girls and women) Unemployment in Africa Wars and Conflicts in Africa (2h/16) Tribal structure in Africa African tribalism Conflicts based on ethnicity, politics, natural resources, etc. Level of education Educational opportunities (education for girls and women) Unemployment in Africa Wars and conflicts in Africa (2h/16) Tribal structure of Africa African tribalism Conflicts based on ethnicity, politics, natural resources, etc. child soldiers – a reality of everyday life in Africa 9. Terrorism, organized crime, and piracy in Africa (2h/ 18) Africa as a continent conducive to terrorism trafficking in people, weapons, drugs, etc. 10. International Efforts to Improve the Situation in Africa (2h/20) Millennium Development Goals – objectives and implementation A review of 15 years of international aid Sustainable Development Goals Government organizations working for Africa Non-governmental organizations working for Africa African Union European Union 11. The Resource Curse – The Case of the Congo (2h/22) The African continent's resource potential Mineral mines and the activities of rebels and warlords 12. The Resource Curse – The Case of Ethiopia? The Bitter Taste of Chocolate (2h/24) Africa's Production Potential The Principle of Fair Trade – Fair Trade in Africa 13. "African Lions" – Africa's Rising Economies (2h/26) Africa's Economic Strengths Demographic Potential Natural Resource Potential Climatic Potential Geographical Potential 14. The Plundering Policies of World Powers Toward Africa (2h/28) China's Presence in Africa Financial Dependence on the International Community The U.S. in Africa—Aid or Exploitation? The Bitter Taste of Chocolate—a film 15. Oral Exam for the Course (2h/30)
Prerequisites and co-requisites	no prerequisites

Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	,	51.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	Problem upadku państw w stosunkach międzynarodowych - R. Kłosowicz, A. Mania, Kraków 2012 Problemy ochrony praw człowieka w Afryce - G. Michałowska, Warszawa 2008	
	Supplementary literature	Konflikty kolonialne i postkolonialne w Afryce i Azji 1869-2006 - red. P. Ostaszewski, Warszawa 2006 Terytorium Państw Upadłych jako przestrzeń sprzyjająca powstawaniu, rozwojowi i działalności organizacji terrorystycznych - M. Stańczyk-Minkiewicz, Kraków 2012	
	eResources addresses		
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	,		
Work placement	Not applicable		

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