

Subject card

Subject name and code	British Politics after WW2, PG_00147562						
Field of study	Political Studies						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject			2025/2026	
Education level	Master's studies		Subject group			Obligatory subject group in the field of study Optional subject group	
Mode of study	full-time studies		Mode of delivery			at the university	
Year of study	1		Language of instruction			Polish	
Semester of study	1		ECTS credits			4.0	
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form			credit	
Conducting unit	Faculty of Social Sciences -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		prof. dr hab. Jacek Tebinka				
	Teachers		prof. dr hab. Jacek Tebinka				
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		70.0	100
Subject objectives	To familiarise students with the evolution of British foreign policy over the last half-century and the factors that determine the decision-making process in London regarding relations with the outside world						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[POLMU2_W15] Has advanced knowledge of the relations between organizations and political institutions at national and international level.	-	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion [SW2] presentation/project/paper/ report
	[POLMU2_W10] Has advanced knowledge of the mechanisms of operation of the European Union and other international organisations, including the accompanying economic, legal and ethical conditions.	-	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion [SW2] presentation/project/paper/ report
	[POLMU2_W04] Has an advanced knowledge of the mechanisms of functioning of political power.	-	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion [SW2] presentation/project/paper/ report
	[POLMU2_W03] Has advanced knowledge of various political theories and doctrines.	-	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion [SW2] presentation/project/paper/ report
	[POLMU2_U12] Can recognize the relations between political organizations and institutions on a national and international scale.	-	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLMU2_W02] has ordered and in-depth detailed knowledge of a selected module (specialization) in the field of political sciences.	-	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion [SW2] presentation/project/paper/ report
	[POLMU2_U04] Can identify real and hypothetical threats in the political space.	-	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLMU2_K03] Is prepared to function in an information society, can collect, use, and process information in the public sphere.	-	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SK2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLMU2_U08] Can analyse the mechanisms of European integration, interpret European law and evaluate the effectiveness of integration processes.	-	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[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.	-	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SK2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLMU2_K07] Is able to independently and critically supplement knowledge and skills extended by an interdisciplinary dimension.	-	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SK2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SK4] test/exam - oral or written
Subject contents	The institutions and people who shaped British foreign policy: external and internal conditions. The organisation of the British diplomatic service. The legacy of World War II and the policies of the Labour government in the early Cold War, 1945-1951. From containment to attempts at détente. In the circle of Conservative governments. Great Britain between the USA and the USSR, 1951-1956. From Empire and Suez to Europe. The circles of British foreign policy, 1956-1964. Great Britain and the concepts of European integration, 1964-1970. A power in decline. Attempts by Conservatives and Labour to find a place for Great Britain in the world in the era of détente. British foreign policy under Margaret Thatcher, 1979-1990. From Major to the present day. British diplomacy facing external challenges after the end of the Cold War. The Intelligence Aspects of British Foreign Policy in the Last Half-Century. The Place of Poland and Eastern Europe in British Policy During the Cold War. British-Polish Political and Economic Relations		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			

Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	Attendance	80.0%	30.0%
	Power Point presentation	60.0%	30.0%
	Oral exam	60.0%	40.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	Robbins K., Zmierzch wielkiego mocarstwa. Wielka Brytania w latach 1870-1992, Ossolineum 2000. Gołembski Franciszek, Polityka zagraniczna Wielkiej Brytanii, Warszawa 2001. Niall Ferguson, Imperium. Jak Wielka Brytania zbudowała nowoczesny świat, Warszawa 2007. Kissinger H., Dyplomacja, Warszawa 1996. Calvocoressi Peter, Polityka międzynarodowa po 1945 roku, Warszawa 1998. Bartlett Christopher, Konflikt globalny. Międzynarodowa rywalizacja wielkich mocarstw w latach 1880-1990, Ossolineum 1997. Gaddis John Lewis, Teraz już wiemy... Nowa historia zimnej wojny, Warszawa 1998. Krasuski J., Europa Zachodnia po II wojnie światowej. Dzieje Polityczne, Poznań 1990. Lipowski W., Dzieje kultury brytyjskiej, Warszawa 2003. Tebinka J., Polityka Wielkiej Brytanii wobec Polski w latach 1956-1970, Wrocławskie Studia z Polityki Zagranicznej, t. 2, Wrocław 2005.	
	Supplementary literature	ebinka J., Nadzieje i rozczarowania. Polityka Wielkiej Brytanii wobec Polski 1956-1970, Warszawa 2005. Tebinka J., Polityka brytyjska wobec problemu granicy polsko-radzieckiej 1939-1945, Warszawa 1998. Andrew C. Mitrochin W., Archiwum Mitrochina, Warszawa 2001. Blair T., Podróż, Katowice 2011 Borodziej W., Od Poczdamu do Szklarskiej Poręby. Polska w stosunkach międzynarodowych 1945-1947, London 1990. Cave Brown Anthony, Philby H. St., Philby Kim., Szpiegowska afera stulecia, Warszawa 1997. Dickie J., The new mandarins : how British foreign policy works, London 2007. Dobosiewicz Z., Malinowski M. J., Prokopczuk J., Polityka Wielkiej Brytanii wobec Afryki, Warszawa 1974. Gołembski F., Brytyjskie koncepcje bezpieczeństwa europejskiego, Toruń 1996. Harris K., Thatcher Margareth, Łódź 1992. Jankowiak S., Reakcja Zachodu na procesy poznańskie, [w:] Przełomowy rok 1956, pod red. E. Makowskiego, S. Jankowiaka, Poznań 1998. Mangold P., Success and failure in British foreign policy : evaluating the record, 1900-2000	
	eResources addresses		
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Describe the decision-making process in British foreign policy and its goals and conditions in relations with the most important countries for Great Britain, List the basic aims of Great Britain's policy		
Work placement	Not applicable		

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