

Subject card

Subject name and code	Sea areas as an area of competition and cooperation, PG_00149483						
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		
Mode of study	full-time studies		Mode of delivery		at the university		
Year of study	2		Language of instruction		Polish		
Semester of study	4		ECTS credits		3.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		credit		
Conducting unit	Division of Public Policy and Administration -> Institute of Political Science -> Faculty of Social Sciences -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		prof. dr hab. Piotr Mickiewicz				
	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 the course is to show the specific nature of competition and cooperation between state players in maritime areas. The political goals of the Maritime powers and selected coastal states aspiring to play the role of a regional power will be presented. The specificity of political and military activities in maritime areas will also be shown						

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.	jak wyżej	[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion [SW5] implementation of a problem task
	[POLMU2_W08] Has an advanced knowledge of the mechanisms of social perception of politics.	jak wyżej	[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion [SW5] implementation of a problem task
	[POLMU2_W06] Has advanced knowledge of the threats and challenges facing politics, including the principles of creating and developing forms of individual entrepreneurship.	jak wyżej	[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion [SW5] implementation of a problem task
	[POLMU2_U12] Can recognize the relations between political organizations and institutions on a national and international scale.	jak wyżej	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU5] implementation of a problem task
	[POLMU2_U10] Can assess the roles and significance of political movements and pressure groups.	jak wyżej	[SU5] implementation of a problem task [SU8] observation of student's independent or team work
	[POLMU2_U04] Can identify real and hypothetical threats in the political space.	jak wyżej	[SU5] implementation of a problem task [SU8] observation of student's independent or team work
	[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.	jak wyżej	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SK5] implementation of a problem task [SK8] observation of student's independent or team work
Subject contents	Maritime theories and their contemporary application (sea power of the state, sea in geopolitical theories of the 20th century) The law of the sea and the methods of conducting maritime activity and exploiting its resources The specificity of the balance of forces of state participants in international relations in maritime areas in the 21st century / maritime power. Regional Power/Coastal State and Japan's Status Discussion Debate - Global strategies of maritime powers and the concepts of their maritime activity Workshop - maritime claims (continental shelf and the right to expand it, migration of living resources and fishing rights, delimitation of areas and mutual claims) Workshop analysis of the relationship - maritime forces and their shape and the formula of maritime activity (case study USA, Russia, Japan) The specificity of the delimitation of the Arctic and Antarctica and the consequences for the form of activity of maritime players in the polar areas Objectives of Arctic maritime powers' policies and the role of regional players Debate - Is the militarization of the Arctic possible and what is its geopolitical significance? (based on data regarding the development of Russian military potential and US operational assumptions regarding the North Atlantic) The evolution of the role of the Indo-Pacific in US policy and its consequences for China's maritime activity The Indian Ocean and its strategic importance in global and regional competition Debate China's vision of the string of pearls and the One Belt One Road Initiative and the strategic situation in the region based on the presented forms of response by India, the Persian Gulf countries and Africa The specificity of the EU's maritime policy and its impact on the possibilities of using European waters by the USA, China and Russia The geopolitical importance of the Black Sea and the Baltic Sea for Russia and the US Black Sea and Baltic strategy. The strategic importance of the Baltic Sea for the EU and the countries of the region Transformations of the strategic situation in the Atlantic as a consequence of the activity of the BRICS countries, Russia and the USA. Assessment based on the analysis of Baltic and maritime strategies. Debate - Concepts of BRICS activity in the South Atlantic as a threat to American domination. Assessment based on analysis of economic activity in Africa and South America		
Prerequisites and co-requisites	basic knowledge of foreign policy and law		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	debate, case study	60.0%	100.0%

Recommended reading	Basic literature	P. Mickiewicz, Sea Chessboard. Geopolitical importance of the Moira reservoirs. Poznań 2022 Gnaś H. (2015), Territorial disputes of NATO member states in the Arctic area. Conditions, significance and impact of global warming, "Przegląd Strategiczny", no. 8. Szubrycht T. The Mediterranean Sea in the European security system, Gdynia 2008 A Cooperative Strategy for 21st Century Seapower, U.S. Navy. March 2015, A.M. Brady, Antarctica as a Site of Strategic Competition. Optimal Responses for Australia and New Zealand, Antarctica 2050. Strategic Challenges and Responses. The Australian Civil-Military Centre, December 2019
	Supplementary literature	Fabisiak J. (2019), Ecological security of the Baltic Sea in the face of the threat of sunken chemical weapons, Ed. Naval Academy, Gdynia Mickiewicz P. (2020) China and Russia on the Baltic Sea. Between rivalry and cooperation, International Relations and Diplomacy, vol. 14, p. 14-21, DOI: https://doi.org/10.17265/2328-2134/2020.01.002 Wieczorkiewicz P. P., History of naval wars. Vol. I and II (The Age of Sail, The Age of Steam) Puls Publishing House, London 1995 Makowski A., Ilnicki M. (1996), Mine warfare in international law, Ed. A. Marszałek, Warszawa-Toruń 1996
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	1. which of the countries Russia, Canada, Denmark can demonstrate the justification for expanding their EEZ in the Arctic 2. justify whether after the end of the Antarctic Treaty it is possible to: a. Sanctioning the division of Antarctica b. Gaining access to parts of it by China, the USA and Russia 3. indicate whether there is legal justification for claims regarding the nationality of the islands in the South China Sea 4. Justify the relationship between the structure of naval forces and the assumptions of naval activity a. United States of America b. Russian Federation c. Empire of Japan 5. Justify whether militarization of the Arctic is possible 6. What will be the reaction of countries to the implementation of the Chinese concepts of the String of Pearls and the One Belt One Road Initiative (India, Persian Gulf countries Norway, Estonia, Poland) and whether the implementation of this concept will be possible 7. Present the strategic goals for the Baltic region of the EU, Russia, the USA, Poland and Germany 8. Discuss the concepts of BRICS activity in the South Atlantic and show that it is a threat to American dominance in the region	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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