

Subject card

Subject name and code	Foreign Policy of State, PG_00150611						
Field of study	Diplomacy						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject		2026/2027		
Education level	undergraduate studies		Subject group		Obligatory subject group in the field of study Humanistic-social 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	3		ECTS credits		2.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form				
Conducting unit							
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	30.0	0.0	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		30.0	60
Subject objectives	The aim of the course is to outline the theoretical foundations of the state's foreign policy, present the subjective and objective conditions shaping foreign policy, decision-making mechanisms and groups of decision-makers who shape this policy.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[DYPL3_W16] Has advanced knowledge of the mechanisms of functioning of modern diplomacy in the European Union and in the world.	jak wyżej	[SW5] implementation of a problem task
	[DYPL3_W15] Has advanced knowledge of the political organization of societies, processes of change, and relationships and ties at the local, regional and global levels	jak wyżej	[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
	[DYPL3_W13] Has advanced knowledge of democracy, civil society and the essence of public discourse in historical and contemporary diplomacy.	jak wyżej	[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
	[DYPL3_W10] Has advanced knowledge of the norms and rules (legal, organizational, ethical) that define social structures and institutions relevant to diplomacy.	jak wyżej	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
	[DYPL3_W03] Has advanced knowledge of the social, political and cultural ties between people, structures and institutions functioning in politics and diplomacy.	jak wyżej	[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
	[DYPL3_W05] Has advanced knowledge of the historical, economic, social, legal, ethical and cultural conditions of political life that construct social structures and institutions operating in diplomacy.	jak wyżej	[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
	[DYPL3_W04] Has advanced knowledge of the role of a human being as an entity constructing social structures and institutions operating in politics and diplomacy.	jak wyżej	[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
	[DYPL3_W07] Has advanced knowledge of the origin and evolution of political and diplomatic norms organising social structures and institutions relevant to politics and diplomacy, including legal and ethical issues in the field of intellectual property and copyright protection.	jak wyżej	[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion [SW2] presentation/project/paper/ report
	[DYPL3_W08] Has advanced knowledge of changes taking place in social structures and their consequences in the sphere of politics and diplomacy.	jak wyżej	[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
	[DYPL3_W01] Has advances knowledge of the fields of social sciences, in particular the sciences of politics and administration and its subdisciplines, as well as their mutual relations in the field of diplomacy.	jak wyżej	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
	[DYPL3_U01] Is able to correctly interpret and explain the behaviour of individuals and social groups in social life, especially political life relating to diplomacy.	jak wyżej	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU2] presentation/project/paper/ report
	[DYPL3_U02] Can analyse and explain processes and phenomena occurring in diplomacy using theoretical knowledge.	jak wyżej	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion
	[DYPL3_K07] Is ready to independently and critically expand knowledge and skills.	jak wyżej	[SK5] implementation of a problem task [SK8] observation of student's independent or team work

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	[DYPL3_U08] Is aware of the relationships between politics, diplomacy and historical, economic, social and cultural phenomena and processes, and has the ability to assess them.	jak wyżej	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
	[DYPL3_K02] Is prepared to participate in public life and in teams implementing various social, political and civic projects at various levels of participation.	jak wyżej	[SK5] implementation of a problem task
	[DYPL3_U03] Can analyse and describe the genesis and course of social, political, legal, economic, cultural and ethical processes and phenomena in relation to diplomacy.	jak wyżej	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
Subject contents	Lectures: 1. Basic principles and conditions of foreign policy Reason of state, national interest, vital interests of the state. Sovereignty, security and development as determinants of the state's foreign policy 2. State strategy and foreign policy The essence and specificity of the implementation of foreign policy as part of the state's great strategy The essence and specificity of the implementation of foreign policy within the framework of the state's development strategy The role and goals of using polystrategy in the state's foreign policy 3. State potential and foreign policy 4. Functions of foreign policy 5. Means and methods of the foreign policy of the powers 6. Means and methods of foreign policy of a country with medium potential 7. Diplomacy as an instrument of foreign policy soft, smart and hard power as a way of implementing foreign policy cooperation in multilateral cooperation arrangements (alliance, union of states, regional cooperation arrangements) the principle of good international citizenship diplomacy and niche diplomacy ways of building ad hoc coalitions and balancing the position of a stronger international player Exercises: Objectives, means and methods as well as actors of foreign policy. Decision-making mechanism in foreign policy. Challenges and threats to the foreign policy of a modern state.		
Prerequisites and co-requisites	basic knowledge of political systems and law		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	exam, statement state study	60.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	Sulek M., Symonides J. (ed.), The state in the theory and practice of international relations, Ed. UW Warszawa 2009 Zięba R. (ed.) Introduction to the theory of state foreign policy, Ed. A. Marszałek, Toruń 2004 Łoś-Nowak T. (ed.) Foreign policy. Actors potentials strategies, ed., Warsaw 2011. Haliżak E., Research on the state's foreign policy, Ed. Rambler, Warsaw 2018.	
	Supplementary literature	Mickiewicz P. (ed.). Russian strategic thought and military potential in the 21st century, Ed. PWN, Warsaw 2018 Pugaczewicz T. Theories of foreign policy. A Perspective on American Foreign Policy Analysis, Ed. UJ, Kraków 2017	
	eResources addresses	Adresy na platformie eNauczanie:	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	simulation game - political actions of a superpower towards a middle power - case of Russia-Poland relations in the activities of Russia's diplomatic services in Poland, South America and during the UNGA session in 2015. exam issues Reason of state, national interest, vital interests of the state in the 21st century Sovereignty, security and development as determinants of the state's foreign policy Foreign policy in state strategy - place depending on the state's potential Polystrategy as a concept of international influence in the 21st century The potential of the state and the possibility of shaping foreign policy Foreign policy and diplomacy cause and effect relationship or dependency Historical conditions and foreign policy alliance, union of states, regional cooperation arrangements The concept of the principle of good international citizenship, diplomacy and niche diplomacy, ways of building ad hoc coalitions and balancing the position of a stronger international player Citizen protection an obligation or a state right		

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