

Subject card

Subject name and code	Geopolitics, PG_00150628						
Field of study	Diplomacy						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject			2026/2027	
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	2		Language of instruction			Polish	
Semester of study	4		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
	[DYPL3_K07] Is ready to independently and critically expand knowledge and skills.	.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[DYPL3_W02] Has advanced and structured knowledge within the scope of the selected module (specialization) in the field of diplomacy, thanks to which he/she has advanced knowledge of various types of social, political, legal and economic structures and institutions whose tasks relate to diplomacy.	--	[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.	.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [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.	-	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [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.	--	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
	[DYPL3_K01] Understands the need to acquire knowledge and new skills.	--	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[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.	--	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[DYPL3_U07] Can use research methods and techniques to describe and analyse phenomena occurring in the sphere of diplomacy.	.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[DYPL3_K05] Is prepared to work in public organisations and institutions, including public administration bodies, political parties and other national and international organisations.	-	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [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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