

Subject card

Subject name and code	International Military Relations, PG_00147427						
Field of study	National Security						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject		2027/2028		
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	3		Language of instruction		Polish		
Semester of study	6		ECTS credits		2.0		
Learning profile	practical		Assessment form		credit		
Conducting unit							
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Piotr Robakowski				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	0.0	15.0	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		35.0	50
Subject objectives	The objective of the course "International Military Relations" is to equip students with advanced knowledge about the dynamics of military cooperation and competition between states. Students will learn to analyze the strategic objectives and defense policies of various countries, understand the mechanisms of military alliances, and the importance of international organizations in maintaining peace and security. They will also be able to assess the impact of military technology on contemporary conflicts and be prepared to conduct research on global defense trends.						
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Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[BNL3_U15] Has the ability to search for information and select sources and knows the research methods of social sciences in the field of security sciences. Can use traditional and modern information technologies, including Internet resources and other sources to search for general information or communication.	He has the ability to search for information and select sources, and he knows the research methods of social sciences in relation to the analysis of contemporary international relations in the military sphere.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
	[BNL3_W03] Has advanced knowledge of the essence and specificity of security sciences and their place in the structure of social sciences.	He has knowledge about the essence and specifics of security studies in relation to military relations.	[SW2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[BNL3_W07] Has advanced knowledge about the processes and factors shaping them in the structures and institutions of public security.	He has knowledge about the processes and factors shaping them within the structures and institutions of public security in relation to the military sphere.	[SW2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[BNL3_W04] Has in-depth knowledge of the functioning of internal and international security institutions and is able to define the relationships between them. Defines the fundamental dilemmas of modern civilization.	He has knowledge about the functioning of internal and international security institutions and can define the relationships between them.	[SW5] implementation of a problem task
	[BNL3_K02] Is prepared to manage human teams, fulfil social obligations, and function in the information society - collects, uses and processes information.	He is prepared to lead human teams, fulfill social commitments, and function in an information society. He can find data regarding the level of military security.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
	[BNL3_U03] Is able to define the role of the state, its institutions and policies in the sphere of national security. Uses knowledge to formulate solutions to problems in the field of security.	He can determine the role of the state, its institutions, and policies in the sphere of national security. He utilizes his knowledge to formulate solutions to problems in the field of security and defense preparations.	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[BNL3_K01] Professionally and ethically behaves in professional work and public activities.	He behaves in a professional and ethical manner in his professional work and public activities.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion

Subject contents	Module 1: Introduction to International Military Relations • Definitions and basic concepts • History of military relations between states • Theories and models of military relations analysis Module 2: Military Organizations and Alliances • NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization): structure, functions, strategies • NATO Rapid Reaction Forces: role and application • Eurocorps: history, missions, significance • European Union Battlegroups (V6): concept, structure, operations Module 3: Defense Strategy and Policy • Analysis of strategic military objectives of various countries • Defense policy in an international context • Mechanisms for planning and implementing defense strategies Module 4: Military Operations and Missions • Case studies of NATO and EU military operations • International cooperation in military missions • Analysis of successes and failures of military missions Module 5: Military Technologies and Their Impact on International Relations • Technological innovations in the military field • The impact of technology on contemporary conflicts • Armaments and their significance in international politics Module 6: Legal and Ethical Aspects of Military Operations • International law in the context of military operations • Ethics in military operations • Protection of human rights in armed conflicts Module 7: Threat Analysis and Crisis Management • Identification and assessment of military threats • Crisis management in a military context • The role of international organizations in crisis management Module 8: Military Cooperation and Rivalry • Examples of military cooperation between states • Analysis of military rivalry on the international stage • Mechanisms for resolving military conflicts Module 9: Practical Exercises and Simulations • Simulations of military operations • Exercises in strategic planning • Workshops on case analysis		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
		80.0%	50.0%
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Recommended reading	Basic literature • Robert E. Hunter, "The Future of NATO: Regional Defense and Global Security", Routledge, 2019 • Stefan Gänzle, Allen G. Sens, "The European Union and Military Force", Palgrave Macmillan, 2007 • David Jordan, James D. Kiras, David J. Lonsdale, Ian Speller, Christopher Tuck, C. Dale Walton, "Understanding Modern Warfare", Cambridge University Press, 2016 • Lawrence S. Kaplan, "NATO 1948: The Birth of the Transatlantic Alliance", Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2007 • Jolyon Howorth, "Security and Defence Policy in the European Union", Palgrave Macmillan, 2014		

	Supplementary literature	• Barry R. Posen, "Inadvertent Escalation: Conventional War and Nuclear Risks", Cornell University Press, 1991 • Michael E. O'Hanlon, "The Science of War: Defense Budgeting, Military Technology, Logistics, and Combat Outcomes", Princeton University Press, 2009 • Sean Kay, "NATO and the Future of European Security", Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2012 • James D. Kiras, "Special Operations and Strategy: From World War II to the War on Terrorism", Routledge, 2006 • John J. Mearsheimer, "The Tragedy of Great Power Politics", W. W. Norton & Company, 2001 • Elizabeth Sherwood-Randall, "Allies in Crisis: Meeting Global Challenges to Western Security", Yale University Press, 1990 • Barry Buzan, Ole Wæver, "Regions and Powers: The Structure of International Security", Cambridge University Press, 2003
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Theoretical and Analytical Topics 1. Discuss the role of NATO in the contemporary international security system. • Analyze the evolution of NATO since its inception. • Evaluate the current challenges facing NATO, such as cyber threats and tensions with Russia. 2. Analyze the significance of the EU V6 Battle Group in the context of the EU's defense policy. • Describe the structure and functions of the V6 Battle Group. • Assess its effectiveness in the context of EU military missions and operations. 3. Examine the impact of military technologies on contemporary armed conflicts. • Discuss the most important technological innovations in the military field. • Analyze how these technologies are changing military strategies and tactics. 4. Explain the importance of the Eurocorps for military cooperation in Europe. • Present the history and development of the Eurocorps. • Evaluate its role in international operations and peacekeeping missions. 5. Analyze the defense policy of a selected NATO member state. • Describe the strategic defense objectives of that state. • Assess how the defense policy of that state influences cooperation within NATO. Problem-Solving Tasks 1. Prepare a case analysis of a selected NATO military mission. • Describe the context, objectives, and course of the mission. • Analyze the successes and challenges encountered during the mission. • Propose recommendations for the future based on the conducted analysis. 2. Create a strategic plan for the V6 Battle Group for the next five years. • Identify main goals and priorities. • Describe the resources and means needed to implement the plan. • Present potential challenges and ways to overcome them. 3. Conduct a simulation of an international crisis involving NATO and the Eurocorps. • Describe the crisis scenario and the involved parties. • Develop an action plan, considering international coordination and strategic military decisions. • Evaluate the results of the simulation and present conclusions. 4. Prepare a report on the impact of the latest military technologies on global security. • Identify key technologies and their applications. • Analyze the benefits and risks associated with the introduction of these technologies. • Propose recommendations for regulating and controlling the use of military technologies.	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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