University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Political Geography - classes, PG_00193884						
Field of study	Geography						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026		Academic year of realisation of subject	2028/2029			
Education level	Bachelor's studies		Subject group	Obligatory subject group in the field of study Subject group related to scientific research 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	5		ECTS credits	2.0			
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form	credit			
Conducting unit	Division of Political Georgraphy -> Institute of Socio-Economic Geography and Spatial Management -> Faculty of Social Sciences -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Bartosz Korinth				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	0.0	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20
	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	20		2.0	28.0	50	
Subject objectives	learning the basic concepts and research methods of political geography, presentation of the conditions for changes on the contemporary political map of the world, multi-aspect analysis of diversity and classification of countries, analysis and assessment of changes in political preferences and electoral regulations, analysis of political conflicts from a regional perspective,continental and global, presentation of the main political problems, process and effects of globalization.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[GEOGRL3-U04] can apply field and laboratory methods and research tools, spatial analysis methods, and methods of presenting research results in the field of geography, assess their usefulness for tasks in which the application goal of geography can be realized	Student applies research methods and presents results of geographical analyses.	[SU6] demonstration of practical skills
	[GEOGRL3-U02] can use theoretical knowledge in the field of geography and available sources of information to correctly interpret basic natural, social, economic, and political processes and phenomena	Student uses knowledge and sources to interpret geographical phenomena.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion
	[GEOGRL3-U01] can dentify and analyze basic natural and socio-economic processes and phenomena, analyze their causes and course, and formulate and discuss basic issues concerning physical-geographical conditions and the social, economic, and political situation and their changes on various spatial scales	Student analyzes natural and socio-economic processes, their causes and effects.	[SU5] implementation of a problem task
	[GEOGRL3-K02] is prepared to bear full responsibility for the actions taken actions and adhere to the principles of professional ethics and principles of intellectual honesty, is aware of the importance of a professional approach in professional life professional life	Student acts responsibly and follows principles of professional ethics.	[SK6] demonstration of practical skills
	[GEOGRL3-W06] knows advanced methods of acquiring, processing, and compiling geographic environmental data, as well as methods of analyzing and interpreting such data	Student knows methods of acquiring and analyzing geographical data.	[SW5] implementation of a problem task
	[GEOGRL3-W03] knows and understands on advanced level social, economic, and political diversity in the world, as well as the social, economic, and political characteristics of countries and regions, especially northern Poland and the Pomeranian Province; understanding of socio-economic changes taking place in the modern world	Student understands socio-economic and political diversity of the world and contemporary transformations (especially Northern Poland).	[SW2] presentation/project/paper/ report
	[GEOGRL3-W02] knows and understands key concepts and theories in geography, as well as advanced processes and phenomena related to spatial diversity and the distribution of processes and phenomena on the Earth's surface at various spatial scales, particularly in Poland	Student understands key concepts and spatial differentiation of geographical processes (especially in Poland).	[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion

Subject contents	1. Introduced to exercises. Topics of classes. Syllabus. Educational outcomes. Literature for classes. Form of conducting classes. Assessment rules.Colloquium 1: "Countries and their capitals in Europe." Romer and Nałkowski's Poland. National or multicultural Poland. Discussion (1) based on the literature.2. Military potential of countries in Europe. Defense alliances. Demographic and economic potential. Presentation of papers (individually).3. National and ethnic minorities in Poland and Europe. Colloquium 2: "Minorities in Poland". Discussion based on literature.4. Contemporary conflicts and their consequences. War in Ukraine (2014-2024- ...). Poster presentation (team work).5. The problem of migration to Europe and Poland. Are Poles xenophobic? Discussion (2) based on the literature.6. Contemporary Polish foreign policy. Changes and directions of foreign policy after 2016. Discussion (3) based on the literature.7. Causes, course and consequences of armed conflicts outside Europe. Discussion based on literature. Colloquium 3: "Countries and capitals onworld".8. Globalization and the unipolar world. New/old US policy. Discussion (4) based on the literature.9. Contemporary problems in the EU. Discussion based on literature. Written work (individually). 10. The impact of changes to the electoral law in Poland on the election results. Discussion (5) based on the literature. Research challenges in political geography.Discussion based on literature. Classification and assigning grades.
Prerequisites and co-requisites	
Assessment methods and criteria	

Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
written works, presentations, poster, oral presentation, discussion	51.0%	100.0%

Recommended reading	Basic literature	Blacksell M., 2008, Geografia polityczna, Wydawnictwo Naukowe PWN, Warszawa. Potulski J., Bógdał-Brzezińska A., Wendt J.A., 2022, Aktorzy - Relacje - Przestrzenie. Wyzwania dla geografii politycznej, stosunkówmiędzynarodowych i geopolityki. PTG, Kraków. Rykiel Z., 2006, Podstawy geografii politycznej, PWE, Warszawa.
	Supplementary literature	Eberhardt P., 2004, Polska i jej granice. Z historii polskiej geografii politycznej, Wydawnictwo UMCS, Lublin. Kulas B., Wendt J.A., 2018, Wybory samorządowe do sejmików wojewódzkich w Polsce, Bernardinum, Pelplin. Piskozub A., 1987, Dziedzictwo polskiej przestrzeni, Ossolineum, Wrocław. Szul R., 2009, Język, naród, państwo. Język jako zjawisko polityczne, Wyd. Nauk. PWN, Warszawa. Wendt J., 2007, Wymiar przestrzenny struktur i społeczeństwa obywatelskiego w Polsce. IGiPZ PAN, Warszawa.
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	1. Presentation of the selected conflict.2. Selection of the criterion and classification of countries.3. Discussion on Polish foreign policy after joining NATO / EU / in the face of the war in Ukraine.	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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