

Subject card

Subject name and code	Geopolitics, PG_00203929						
Field of study	Diplomacy						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026	Academic year of realisation of subject			2027/2028		
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	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		2.0		8.0	25
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_W04] Has advanced knowledge of the role of humans as entities shaping and constructing social structures and institutions operating in politics and 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_W03] Has advanced knowledge of the social, political and cultural ties between people, groups and institutions operating in politics and diplomacy.	.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
	[DYPL3_U08] Is aware of the relationships between politics, diplomacy, and historical, economic, social, and cultural processes. Can assess them and draw conclusions in the context of politics and diplomacy.	--	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[DYPL3_K05] Is prepared to work in public institutions and national or international organizations, including public administration and other entities operating in the public sphere.	-	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SK4] test/exam - oral or written
[DYPL3_K07] Is ready to independently and critically develop their knowledge and skills.	.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SK4] test/exam - oral or written	
Subject contents	<p>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.</p>		
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	<p>Potulski J., (2010) <i>Wprowadzenie do geopolityki</i>, Gdańsk: Wydawnictwo UG.</p> <p>Flint, C., (2008) <i>Wstęp do geopolityki</i>, Warszawa: PWN.</p> <p>Blacksell M., (2008) <i>Geografia polityczna</i>, Warszawa 2008.</p> <p>Potulski J., (2021) <i>Wstęp (w:) Kształtowanie się wyobrażeń przestrzennych w rosyjskiej myśli i praktyce politycznej</i>, Poznań: Wydawnictwo FENCE</p> <p>O Tuathail, G., (1996) <i>Critical geopolitics. The Politics of Writing Global Space</i>, Routledge.</p>	

	Supplementary literature	<p>Kazanecki, W., (2012) <i>Współczesna francuska myśl geopolityczna: główne tendencje i ich reprezentanci</i>, Toruń: Wydawnictwo Adam Marszałek.</p> <p>O Tuathail, G., Dalby, S., Routledge, P., (2006) <i>The Geopolitics Reader</i>, Routledge.</p> <p>Dalby S., O Tuathail G., eds (1998) <i>Rethinking Geopolitics</i>, Routledge.</p>
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	eResources addresses	<p>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.</p>
Work placement	Not applicable	

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