

Subject card

Subject name and code	British Politics after WW2, PG_00204088						
Field of study	Political Studies						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026	Academic year of realisation of subject			2026/2027		
Education level	Master's studies	Subject group			Obligatory subject group in the field of study Optional subject group 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	1	Language of instruction			Polish		
Semester of study	1	ECTS credits			2.0		
Learning profile	academic	Assessment form			credit		
Conducting unit	Faculty of Social Sciences -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		prof. dr hab. Jacek Tebinka				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	0.0	30.0	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		3.0		17.0	50
Subject objectives	To familiarise students with the evolution of British foreign policy over the last half-century and the factors that determine the decision-making process in London regarding relations with the outside world						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[POLMU2_W02] Has in-depth knowledge in the chosen specialization, including its theoretical, methodological, and empirical determinants, enabling critical analysis of contemporary political processes and phenomena.	-	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion [SW2] presentation/project/paper/ report
	[POLMU2_U04] Is able to identify real and hypothetical threats in the political space.	-	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLMU2_U08] Is able to analyze the mechanisms of European integration, interpret European law, and assess the effectiveness of integration processes, applying acquired knowledge to critically analyze the policies and practices of European institutions.	-	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLMU2_K02] Is able to apply disciplinary knowledge in the analysis of complex political, social, and institutional problems in various contexts. Is aware of the level of their knowledge and skills, understands the need for continuous professional development, and conducts a self-assessment of their own competences determining their position and role in the labour market.	-	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SK2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLMU2_K07] Is able to independently and critically supplement knowledge and develop disciplinary skills, taking into account the interdisciplinary dimension of issues and problems.	-	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SK2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLMU2_W04] Has an in-depth understanding of the functioning of political power and the factors influencing the behavior of political actors at both the individual and societal levels.	-	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion [SW2] presentation/project/paper/ report
[POLMU2_W15] Has in-depth knowledge of the relations between organizations and political institutions at national and international level.	-	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion [SW2] presentation/project/paper/ report	
Subject contents	The institutions and people who shaped British foreign policy: external and internal conditions. The organisation of the British diplomatic service. The legacy of World War II and the policies of the Labour government in the early Cold War, 1945-1951. From containment to attempts at détente. In the circle of Conservative governments. Great Britain between the USA and the USSR, 1951-1956. From Empire and Suez to Europe. The circles of British foreign policy, 1956-1964. Great Britain and the concepts of European integration, 1964-1970. A power in decline. Attempts by Conservatives and Labour to find a place for Great Britain in the world in the era of détente. British foreign policy under Margaret Thatcher, 1979-1990. From Major to the present day. British diplomacy facing external challenges after the end of the Cold War. The Intelligence Aspects of British Foreign Policy in the Last Half-Century. The Place of Poland and Eastern Europe in British Policy During the Cold War. British-Polish Political and Economic Relations		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	Oral exam	60.0%	40.0%
	Attendance	80.0%	30.0%
	Power Point presentation	60.0%	30.0%

Recommended reading	Basic literature	Robbins K., Zmierzch wielkiego mocarstwa. Wielka Brytania w latach 1870-1992, Ossolineum 2000. Gołembski Franciszek, Polityka zagraniczna Wielkiej Brytanii, Warszawa 2001. Niall Ferguson, Imperium. Jak Wielka Brytania zbudowała nowoczesny świat, Warszawa 2007. Kissinger H., Dyplomacja, Warszawa 1996. Calvocoressi Peter, Polityka międzynarodowa po 1945 roku, Warszawa 1998. Bartlett Christopher, Konflikt globalny. Międzynarodowa rywalizacja wielkich mocarstw w latach 1880-1990, Ossolineum 1997. Gaddis John Lewis, Teraz już wiemy... Nowa historia zimnej wojny, Warszawa 1998. Krasuski J., Europa Zachodnia po II wojnie światowej. Dzieje Polityczne, Poznań 1990. Lipóński W., Dzieje kultury brytyjskiej, Warszawa 2003. Tebinka J., Polityka Wielkiej Brytanii wobec Polski w latach 1956-1970, Wrocławskie Studia z Polityki Zagranicznej, t. 2, Wrocław 2005.
	Supplementary literature	ebinka J., Nadzieje i rozczarowania. Polityka Wielkiej Brytanii wobec Polski 1956-1970, Warszawa 2005. Tebinka J., Polityka brytyjska wobec problemu granicy polsko-radzieckiej 1939-1945, Warszawa 1998. Andrew C. Mitrochin W., Archiwum Mitrochina, Warszawa 2001. Blair T., Podróż, Katowice 2011 Borodziej W., Od Poczdamu do Szklarskiej Poręby. Polska w stosunkach międzynarodowych 1945-1947, London 1990. Cave Brown Anthony, Philby H. St., Philby Kim., Szpiegowska afera stulecia, Warszawa 1997. Dickie J., The new mandarins : how British foreign policy works, London 2007. Dobosiewicz Z., Malinowski M. J., Prokopczuk J., Polityka Wielkiej Brytanii wobec Afryki, Warszawa 1974. Gołembski F., Brytyjskie koncepcje bezpieczeństwa europejskiego, Toruń 1996. Harris K., Thatcher Margareth, Łódź 1992. Jankowiak S., Reakcja Zachodu na procesy poznańskie, [w:] Przełomowy rok 1956, pod red. E. Makowskiego, S. Jankowiaka, Poznań 1998. Mangold P., Success and failure in British foreign policy : evaluating the record, 1900-2000
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Describe the decision-making process in British foreign policy and its goals and conditions in relations with the most important countries for Great Britain, List the basic aims of Great Britain's policy	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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