University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	International Human Rights Protection Systems, PG_00204090						
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	2		ECTS credits		3.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		credit		
Conducting unit							
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Margot Stańczyk-Minkiewicz				
	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		42.0	75
Subject objectives	The purpose of the course is to familiarize students with the basic issues of human rights protection in its broadest sense, the legal and doctrinal basis for the protection of individual rights, and contemporary international human rights systems. In addition, the impact of human rights on state foreign policy is discussed, as well as the possibilities of ngos' influence on governments in this regard.						

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
[POLMU2_U12] Is able to identify and analyze relationships between political organizations and institutions at the national and international level, applying acquired knowledge to assess their impact on political processes.	`	[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.	`	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
[POLMU2_K04] Is prepared to perform the function of an organizer of civic life in various environments and at various levels of the society structure in accordance with the idea of thinking and acting in an entrepreneurial manner.	`	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
[POLMU2_K06] Is convinced of the importance of professional and ethical conduct and is able to actively promote and implement such attitudes in everyday life and professional practice, as well as in public activities if undertaken.	`	[SK4] 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.	`	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
[POLMU2_W15] Has ind-depth knowledge of the relations between organizations and political institutions at national and international level.	`	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[POLMU2_W10] Has in-depth knowledge of the mechanisms governing the functioning of the European Union and other international organizations, including the accompanying economic, legal, and ethical conditions.	`	[SW4] 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

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<tr><td rowspan="3">Recommended reading</td><td>Basic literature</td><td colspan="2">A. Literature required for final course credit (passing the exam): A.1. used during the class: D. Bieńkowska, R. Kozłowski, (eds.), Human Rights and Human Security. Achievements and challenges on the 70th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Warsaw 2019.A. Bieńczyk-Missala, International protection of human rights, warszawa 2017.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Supplementary literature</td><td colspan="2">B. Supplementary literature:B. Gronowska, T. Jasudowicz, M. Balcerzak, M. Lubiszewski, R. Mizerski, Human rights and their protection, Torun 2010.International documents on human rights indicated in the lecture</td></tr>
<tr><td>eResources addresses</td><td colspan="2"></td></tr>
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