University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Recent Political History, PG_00204269						
Field of study	Political Studies						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026		Academic year of realisation of subject		2026/2027		
Education level	Bachelor's studies		Subject group		Obligatory subject group in the field of study Humanistic-social 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		exam		
Conducting unit							
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	30.0	0.0	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		0.0		45.0	75
Subject objectives	To familiarize students with the most important problems of universal history during the Cold War and to present, the genesis of the building contemporary world order. To acquaint students with the political history of Europe and the world in the context of internal events and geopolitical changes after World War I, which reevaluated the previous balance of power in the world. To indicate the significance and role of new ideologies in building areas of rivalry and conflict.						

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[POLL3_K05] Has a need to supplement, expand and improve acquired knowledge and skills.	-	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
[POLL3_K06] Is prepared to critically evaluate historical, economic, social, and cultural processes and phenomena thanks to an awareness of the interdependencies between them and politics.	-	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
[POLL3_U02] Is able to analyze and describe the origins and course of social, political, economic, legal, ethical, and cultural processes and phenomena from a historical perspective, as well as in contemporary states and globally, using theoretical knowledge.	-	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
[POLL3_W07] Has advanced knowledge about democracy, civil society, political culture and the essence of public discourse in historical and contemporary terms.	-	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[POLL3_W15] Has advanced knowledge of significant events, processes, phenomena, and structures related to the history of Poland, Europe, and the world.	-	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[POLL3_W04] Has knowledge of the historical, economic, social, legal, ethical, and cultural determinants of political life, as well as of the structures in which this life unfolds, their origins, and transformations.	-	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[POLL3_U09] Can analyse and evaluate the process of governing and decision-making and see their consequences.	`	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written

Subject contents

The origins of the Cold War in Europe and Asia. The rivalry of the powers over Germany. The Berlin Crisis and the creation of NATO. The process of Sovietization of Eastern Europe. The Korean War. The remilitarization of the Federal Republic of Germany. The Cold War in 1955. The time of détente. The creation of the Warsaw Pact. The crisis of communism. 1956. The process of decolonization in Europe and Asia. East-West relations in the years 1957-1970. The processes of Western European integration. The decade of détente, the 1970s. The second Cold War 1979-1985. The fall of the Soviet bloc, the collapse of the USSR and the end of the Cold War 1989-1991.

Prerequisites and co-requisites

Assessment methods and criteria

Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
Exam	51.0%	100.0%

Recommended reading

Basic literature	Andrew Christopher, Tylko dla oczu prezydenta. Od Washingtona do Busha - amerykańscy prezydenci i tajne służby, Warszawa 1998. Barltlett Ch., 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., Historia RFN, Warszawa 1987. Kissinger H., Dyplomacja, Warszawa 1996; Peter Calvocoressi, Polityka międzynarodowa 1945-2000, Warszawa 2000. Kukułka J., Historia współczesnych stosunków międzynarodowych 1945-2000, Warszawa 2007. Zubok Vladislav, Konstantin Pleszakow, Zimna wojna zza kulis Kremla, Warszawa 1999
Supplementary literature	Robbins K., Zmierzch wielkiego mocarstwa. Wielka Brytania w latach 1870-1992, Ossolineum 2000. Moczulski L., Dylematy. Wstęp do historii Europy Zachodniej 1945-1970, Warszawa 1971. McCauley M., Rosja, Ameryka i zimna wojna 1949-1991, Wrocław 1998. Krasuski J., Europa Zachodnia po II wojnie światowej. Dzieje Polityczne, Poznań 1990. Fursenko Aleksander, Timothy Naftali, Tajna wojna Chruszczowa, Warszawa 2007. Gaddis John Lewis, Zimna wojna. Historia podzielonego świata, Warszawa 2007. Gaddis John Lewis, Strategie powstrzymywania, Warszawa 2007. Mastny Vojtech, Stalin i zimna wojna, Warszawa 2006.

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Work placement	Not applicable	

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