

Subject card

Subject name and code	Geopolitics (Lecture), PG_00205501						
Field of study	National Security						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026	Academic year of realisation of subject			2027/2028		
Education level	Master's studies	Subject group			Obligatory subject group in the field of study Subject group related to practical vocational preparation		
Mode of study	full-time studies	Mode of delivery			at the university		
Year of study	2	Language of instruction			Polish		
Semester of study	3	ECTS credits			3.0		
Learning profile	practical	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	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		2.0		43.0	75
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
	[BNMU2_W07] Has in-depth knowledge of the processes and factors shaping them in public security institutions and structures.		[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
	[BNMU2_U01] Identifies and interprets changes occurring in the area of security.		[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[BNMU2_K02] Is prepared to respond effectively to changing conditions in the field of security, is able to identify the needs of various stakeholders, and adapt actions to institutional and social requirements.		[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[BNMU2_U03] Analyses the causes and course of processes and their evolution related to security, and forecasts challenges, trends, and threats to the social, political, legal, economic, and ethical environment using tools and methods appropriate to security sciences.		[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
[BNMU2_W09] Has in-depth knowledge of the nature, dynamics, and specificity of security threats in various spheres of social life.		[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion	
Subject contents	<p>1. The social construction of space - humans and space in humanistic geography;</p> <p>2. The map as a geographical-political imagination;3. What is geopolitics? The concept of critical geopolitics by G. O Tuathaila;4. The basic methodological assumptions of critical geopolitics;5. The emergence of political geography and geopolitics. Its links with German socio-political thought (F. Ratzel, R. Kjellen);6. The rivalry of European powers as a context for the emergence of classical geopolitical thought;7. The concept of the United States as a maritime power in the strategic thought of A. Mahan;8. The problem of the dominance of the British Empire in the political thought of H. Mackinder;9. K. Haushofer's concept of Geopolitik and the policy of the Third Reich;10. The critique of geopolitics in the works of I. Bowman; 11. American political and strategic thought of the Cold War period - G. Kennan, N. Spykman;12. Radical geography - Y. Lacoste - geography as strategic knowledge and its critique;13. The concept of geo-politics in the Herodotus project of Y. Lacoste. M. Foucault and his influence on political geography;14. From radical geography to critical geopolitics. Geopolitical imaginaries as the object of study of geopolitics;15. The contemporary evolution of 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>
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	<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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