University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	US politics and international position, PG_00203965						
Field of study	Diplomacy						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2027		Academic year of realisation of subject		2029/2030		
Education level	Bachelor'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	3		Language of instruction		Polish		
Semester of study	6		ECTS credits		2.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		credit		
Conducting unit							
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Aleksander Kazak				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	0.0	15.0	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		33.0	50
Subject objectives	Understanding the factors shaping contemporary American politics.						

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[DYPL3_K04] Is prepared to identify and solve problems in professional work.	has knowledge of decision-making mechanisms in relation to American policy	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion
[DYPL3_K07] Is ready to independently and critically develop their knowledge and skills.	List the arguments for and against the United States' behavior towards international issues.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion
[DYPL3_U03] Can analyse and describe the origins and course of social, political, legal, economic, cultural, and ethical phenomena and processes in the context of diplomacy.	has the ability to critically analyze stated political objectives in the discussed field	[SU1] 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.	identifies American institutions responsible for conducting foreign policy	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion
[DYPL3_W12] Has advanced knowledge of the historical, social and cultural views, trends and processes that shape contemporary political science and actions undertaken in politics and diplomacy.	Describes domestic and foreign policy of the United States.	[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
[DYPL3_W15] Has advanced knowledge of the diversity of political systems and of the geopolitical conditions and interests of international actors that determine political relations and diplomatic practice in the regional and global dimension.	Characterizes American doctrines of foreign policy.	[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion

Subject contents

- U.S. foreign policy in the 19th century: from isolationism to imperialism.
- Realism and idealism in American policy: the ideas of T. Roosevelt's and W. Wilson's foreign policies.
- The doctrine of "containment," Truman Doctrine.
- The principle of differentiation in American policy. Doctrines of peaceful engagement and "bridge-building."
- U.S. policy during the period of détente.
- "Reaganism" in U.S. foreign policy in the 1980s.
- The United States' approach to contemporary security issues.

Prerequisites and co-requisites

Assessment methods and criteria

Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
Understanding U.S. foreign policy	50.0%	100.0%

Recommended reading

Basic literature	Kissinger H., Dyplomacja, Warszawa 1996. Zaremba P., Historia Stanów Zjednoczonych, Warszawa 1992. A.2. studiowana samodzielnie przez studenta: Gaddis L., Zimna wojna. Historia podzielonego świata, Kraków 2007. Polityka USA po zimnej wojnie, red. J. Zając, Toruń 2005. B. Literatura uzupełniająca: Reagan R., Moja wizja Ameryki, Warszawa 2004.
Supplementary literature	Absence
eResources addresses	

Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed

Describe the foreign policy of the USA in the 19th century.

What is the essence of realism and idealism in the foreign policies of Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson.

Describe the doctrine of containment and the Truman Doctrine.

Work placement

Not applicable