University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Asymmetric Threats, PG_00203911						
Field of study	Diplomacy						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2027		Academic year of realisation of subject		2027/2028		
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	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		prof. dr hab. Piotr Mickiewicz				
	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		2.0		43.0	75
Subject objectives	Familiarizing students with the specificity of asymmetric threats, the environmental processes that create their emergence, defining the role of diplomatic services in recognizing and combating asymmetric threats and defining the scope and formula of international cooperation in order to counteract the consequences of the impact of asymmetric threats						

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[DYPL3_K02] Is prepared to participate in public life and in teams implementing various social, political and civic projects at various levels of participation.	jak wyżej	[SK5] implementation of a problem task
[DYPL3_U01] Can interpret and explain the behaviors of individuals and social groups in social and political life in the context of diplomacy.	jak wyżej	[SU5] implementation of a problem task [SU6] demonstration of practical skills
[DYPL3_U02] Can analyse and explain processes and phenomena occurring in diplomacy using theoretical knowledge.	jak wyżej	[SU6] demonstration of practical skills
[DYPL3_W05] Has advanced knowledge of the historical, social, cultural and economic conditions of political life that shape the functioning of institutions and structures in diplomacy.	jak wyżej	[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion [SW2] presentation/project/paper/ report
[DYPL3_W08] Has advanced knowledge of the political organization of societies, the processes of social, political and economic transformation, and changes taking place in social structures and their consequences for relationships, ties and actions undertaken in politics and diplomacy at the local, regional and global levels.	jak wyżej	[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.	jak wyżej	[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion [SW5] implementation of a problem task

Subject contents

1. The essence of asymmetric threats - definition.
 Defining asymmetric threats
 Categorization and characterization of asymmetric threats
2. The operating environment of entities creating asymmetric threats.
 Transnational and globalization processes
 Socio-economic development disproportions (poverty, demographic processes, migrations).
3. Diplomatic possibilities of counteracting the sources and determinants of asymmetric threats
 Activities of diplomatic missions
 Intelligence activities
 Preventive diplomacy
4. Humanitarian and development aid as a factor eliminating the primary sources of asymmetric threats
5. Civil protection in an asymmetric military conflict - possibilities of using instruments of diplomatic influence (simulation game)
6. Postmodern terrorism as an asymmetric threat (terrorist networks, the Lone Wolf phenomenon, mediatization of terrorism).
7. Creating international activities to combat the phenomenon of post-modern terrorism. International bioterrorist attack (simulation game)
8. Maritime piracy and maritime terrorism
9. Political limitations in combating crime at sea and the role of diplomatic services in eliminating them (case study analysis)
 Diplomatic actions for the release of unlawful detainees (Achille Lauro)
 Diplomatic actions against the perpetrators of the Santa Maria peak hijacking
 Diplomatic instruments against smuggling of persons into the EU
10. Transnational organized crime.
 Specificity of transnational organized crime
 Main areas of activity of transnational criminal groups.
 Sea areas as specific areas of asymmetric threats.
11. Hybrid actions as an asymmetric threat and diplomatic ways of reacting to the threat in state policy
 Presentation of strength and peaceful use of armed forces
 Preventive actions using military potential
12. Fait accompli diplomacy and the interpretation of international law as an instrument of asymmetrical influence in state policy (case study analysis)
 Diplomacy of facts towards activities aimed at sanctioning the right to be present in Antarctica and Antarctica (Argentina, PRC, Russia)
 Diplomatic game for the division of the Arctic (USA-Canada: Canada-Denmark, Russia-USA)
13. Cybercrime as an asymmetric threat.
 Specificity of asymmetric activities in cyberspace
 Using information technology as a weapon
14. International activities to protect cyberspace and combat cyberterrorism

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<tr><td>Prerequisites and co-requisites</td><td colspan="3">Basic knowledge of foreign policy and international relations</td></tr>
<tr><td>Assessment methods and criteria</td><td colspan="3"><table><tr><th>Subject passing criteria</th><th>Passing threshold</th><th>Percentage of the final grade</th></tr><tr><td>prezentation and performance of proble task</td><td>60.0%</td><td>100.0%</td></tr></table></td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="3">Recommended reading</td><td>Basic literature</td><td colspan="2">Wojciechowski S., Fiedler R., Asymmetric threats in the modern world (ed.) UAM, Poznań 2009.
Sokala W. Zapała B. (ed) Asymmetry and hybridity. Old armies facing new conflicts, BBN, Warszawa, bdw.
Musioł M, Peacekeeping operations and preventive diplomacy and their foundations in the EU's external policy in the 21st century, International Security Yearbook, 2013,
Humanitarian aid in the light of law and practice, ed. P. Grzebyk, E. Mikos-Skuza, Warsaw 2016
Materials for case study analyzes provided by the lecturer</td></tr>
<tr><td>Supplementary literature</td><td colspan="2">Żebrowski A. Information warfare in an asymmetric international security environment. selected problems, Ed. BUY Kraków 2016
International political relations in the 21st century - origins, structures, functions and political processes ed. E. Cziomer, Kraków 2015</td></tr>
<tr><td>eResources addresses</td><td colspan="2"></td></tr>
<tr><td>Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed</td><td colspan="3">simulation game - an international form of combating a global bioterrorist attack

simulation game - counteracting ethnic extermination as part of a civil war - diplomatic activities as part of an evacuation mission

Hybrid actions of the case states of the PRC and Russia

The asymmetry of phenomena such as maritime piracy and post-modern terrorism - the politics of selected countries</td></tr>
<tr><td>Work placement</td><td colspan="3">Not applicable</td></tr>
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