University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	EU Crisis Response Instruments and Mechanisms (Classes), PG_00204386						
Field of study	National Security						
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 practical vocational preparation			
Mode of study	full-time studies		Mode of delivery	at the university			
Year of study	3		Language of instruction	Polish			
Semester of study	5		ECTS credits	4.0			
Learning profile	practical		Assessment form	credit			
Conducting unit	Institute of Political Science -> Faculty of Social Sciences -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Piotr Robakowski				
	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		0.0		70.0	100
Subject objectives	The objective of the course "EU Crisis Response Mechanisms" is to equip students with the ability to identify factors that shape citizen safety and protect society from various crises. Students will learn effective coordination of actions between member states and EU institutions, support national emergency services, and strengthen solidarity among member states. They will understand methods to ensure the continuity of key infrastructures during crises, increase their awareness of threats and crisis response methods.						

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[BNL3_K01] Professionally and ethically behaves in professional work and public activities.	He behaves in a professional and ethical manner in his professional work and public activities.	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
[BNL3_W01] Has knowledge of the social, historical, economic, and cultural determinants of security. Understands the practical application of this knowledge in professional activities in the field of security.	He has advanced knowledge of the social, historical, economic, and cultural determinants of security in the European Union.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[BNL3_W04] Has advanced knowledge of the functioning of domestic and international security institutions and is able to define the relationships between them. Defines, at an advanced level, the fundamental dilemmas of contemporary civilization.	He has knowledge about the functioning of internal and international security institutions and can define the relationships between them. He defines the fundamental dilemmas of contemporary civilization.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[BNL3_W10] Has advanced knowledge of the activities of public institutions working to promote security.	He has knowledge about the activities of public institutions functioning for the purpose of security.	[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
[BNL3_K02] Is prepared to manage human teams, fulfil social obligations, and function in the information society - collects, uses and processes information.	He is prepared to lead crisis management teams.	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
[BNL3_U04] Uses the knowledge of normative systems related to public safety to adequately respond to the existing challenges. Presents and evaluates opinions on systematic solutions in the field of security.	He uses knowledge of normative systems concerning public security to respond appropriately to emerging challenges. He presents and evaluates opinions on systemic solutions in the field of crisis management.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
[BNL3_U06] Is able to analyse the causes and effects of security threats and indicates countermeasures. Plans own and team's work in the field of threat analysis and risk assessment.	He is able to analyze the causes and effects of security threats and identify countermeasures. He plans his own work and that of the team in the areas of threat analysis and risk assessment in crisis management.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion
[BNL3_U13] Is prepared to actively participate in public life, able to formulate opinions, take positions, engage in discussions, and assess the risk and potential consequences of actions undertaken in the field of security.	He assesses the risk and potential consequences of undertakings in the field of security and crisis management.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion

Subject contents	Module 1: Introduction to Crisis Response • Definition and typology of crises • History of crisis response in the EU • Basic principles and objectives of crisis management Module 2: EU Structures and Institutions in Crisis Management • The role of the European Commission in crisis management • The EU Civil Protection Mechanism • Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC) • The role of the National Atomic Agency in crisis response Module 3: Normative Frameworks of Crisis Management in the EU • The Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) • EU directives and regulations on crisis management • National legal frameworks and their harmonization with EU law Module 4: Procedures and Mechanisms of Crisis Response • Decision-making processes in crisis situations • Tools and technologies used in crisis management • The role of the European External Action Service in crisis response Module 5: Threat Analysis and Risk Assessment • Methods of threat identification • Risk assessment techniques • Case studies of historical crises in the EU Module 6: Inter-Institutional Coordination and Cooperation • Cooperation among member states • Public-private partnerships in crisis management • Cooperation with international organizations Module 7: Protection of Critical Infrastructure • Definition and importance of critical infrastructure • Strategies for critical infrastructure protection • Examples of critical infrastructure protection in member states Module 8: Communication and Information Management in Crises • The role of media in crisis management • Crisis communication strategies • Early warning systems and their functioning Module 9: Financing Crisis Management • EU solidarity funds • Financial mechanisms supporting crisis management • Examples of effective use of funds for crisis management purposes Module 10: Practical Exercises and Simulations • Workshops on crisis case analysis • Simulation of crisis scenarios • Practical exercises in coordination of rescue operations Module 11: The Future of Crisis Management in the EU • Trends and challenges in crisis management • Technological innovations in crisis response • Future EU policies in crisis management
Prerequisites and co-requisites	
Assessment methods and criteria	

Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	80.0%	40.0%
	60.0%	60.0%

Recommended reading	Basic literature	**European Commission, "EU Civil Protection Mechanism: Responding to Disasters Worldwide", European Commission, 2019** **Jolyon Howorth, "Security and Defence Policy in the European Union", Palgrave Macmillan, 2014** **Pieter Jan Kuijper, "The Law of EU External Relations: Cases, Materials, and Commentary on the EU as an International Legal Actor", Oxford University Press, 201Panagiotis Liargovas and Konstantinos Petropoulos, "The Role of EU Institutions in Promoting Cohesion in the European Union", Springer, 2020**
	Supplementary literature	**an Wouters, Steven Sterkx, and Peter Meerts, "The European Union and Multilateral Governance: Assessing EU Participation in United Nations Human Rights and Environmental Fora", Palgrave Macmillan, 2012** **Giovanni F. Grasso, "Critical Infrastructure Protection in Homeland Security: Defending a Networked Nation", Wiley, 2015** **Tom Christensen, Per Lægreid, and Lise H. Rykkja, "Crisis Management in the European Union: The Role of Institutions and Governments", Routledge, 2016** **Arjen Boin, Magnus Ekengren, and Mark Rhinard, "The European Union as Crisis Manager: Patterns and Prospects", Cambridge University Press, 2013** **Christopher W. Hughes, "EU Conflict Management", Routledge, 2017** **Nico Krisch, "Beyond Constitutionalism: The Pluralist Structure of Postnational Law", Oxford University Press, 2010**
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	1. **Describe the historical evolution of crisis response mechanisms in the European Union.** • Discuss key milestones in the development of EU crisis response mechanisms. • Explain the impact of major crises on the evolution of these mechanisms. 2. **Analyze the role of the European Commission in coordinating crisis response efforts within the EU.** • Detail specific responsibilities and actions taken by the European Commission during recent crises. • Evaluate the effectiveness of the European Commission's crisis response strategies. 3. **Explain the function and importance of the EU Civil Protection Mechanism (CPM).** • Describe the structure and components of the CPM. • Provide examples of how the CPM has been utilized in past crises. 4. **Discuss the legal framework governing crisis management in the EU.** • Outline key treaties, directives, and regulations that form the legal basis for EU crisis management. • Analyze how these legal instruments are applied in practice. 5. **Evaluate the methods used for threat analysis and risk assessment in EU crisis management.** • Explain the various techniques employed for identifying and assessing risks. • Discuss the role of these methods in preparing for and responding to crises. 6. **Critically assess the coordination and cooperation between EU member states during a crisis.** • Provide case studies of inter-state cooperation during specific crises. • Analyze the strengths and weaknesses of current coordination mechanisms. 7. **Discuss the significance of protecting critical infrastructure during a crisis.** • Define what constitutes critical infrastructure in the context of the EU. • Evaluate strategies employed to safeguard critical infrastructure during emergencies. 8. **Analyze the role of public-private partnerships in enhancing EU crisis response capabilities.** • Provide examples of successful public-private collaborations in crisis management. • Discuss the benefits and challenges of such partnerships. 9. **Explain the importance of effective communication and information management in crisis situations.** • Detail the strategies used for crisis communication within the EU. • Evaluate the role of media and information systems in managing public perception and response during a crisis. 10. **Describe the financial mechanisms available for crisis management in the EU.** • Outline the various funds and financial tools used to support crisis response and recovery. • Analyze how these financial mechanisms have been utilized in past crises. 11. **Discuss the future trends and challenges in EU crisis management.** • Identify emerging threats and potential challenges to crisis management in the EU. • Propose strategies for addressing these future challenges. 12. **Explain the role of the European External Action Service (EEAS) in crisis response.** • Describe the functions of the EEAS in managing external crises. • Provide examples of EEAS involvement in international crisis situations. 13. **Evaluate the impact of technological innovations on crisis response mechanisms in the EU.** • Discuss recent technological advancements that have been integrated into crisis management. • Analyze the potential benefits and risks associated with these technologies. 14. **Analyze the ethical considerations in crisis management and response within the EU.** • Discuss the ethical dilemmas that may arise during crisis response. • Evaluate how these ethical considerations are addressed within EU policies and practices.
Work placement	Not applicable

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