University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Contemporary Terrorism (Lecture), PG_00205669		
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	2.0
Learning profile	practical	Assessment form	exam
Conducting unit	Division of International Relations -> Institute of Political Science -> Faculty of Social Sciences -> Rector		
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor	dr Paweł Nieczuja-Ostrowski	
	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	20.0	50

Subject objectives	After completing the course, the student has knowledge about contemporary terrorism. Knows and understands the specificity of modern terrorism and the security challenges related to this phenomenon, both locally and globally. The knowledge acquired during classes can be used in further political science education as well as in professional and social life.

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[BNL3_U10] Is able to forecast phenomena and threats to social, political, and economic order using the tools and methods appropriate to security studies.	Predicts the social consequences of terrorist acts.	[SU8] observation of student's independent or team work
[BNL3_U02] Analyses the causes and course of processes and their evolution relating to social, political, economic, legal, ethical and cultural aspects of security.	Analyzes information regarding contemporary acts of terrorism.	[SU8] observation of student's independent or team work
[BNL3_K03] Has a need to continue to complete his/her knowledge as well as expand and improve skills.	Understands the need to deepen knowledge about contemporary terrorism.	[SK8] observation of student's independent or team work
[BNL3_W12] Has advanced knowledge of the place and role of Poland in security systems.	Knows the areas of Poland's participation in the fight against international terrorism.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[BNL3_W08] At an advanced level, understands the mechanisms of risk management and decision-making in national security institutions.	Recognizes mechanisms for combating terrorism.	[SW4] 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.	Analyzes threats to public security related to terrorist activities.	[SU8] observation of student's independent or team work
[BNL3_U09] Is aware of social expectations regarding the adequacy of state actions in the context of identified threats to its functioning.	Recognizes social expectations related to the activities of public institutions responsible for combating terrorism.	[SU8] observation of student's independent or team work
[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.	Assesses the risk associated with the activities of public institutions responsible for combating terrorism.	[SU8] observation of student's independent or team work

Subject contents

Introductory classes: learning goals and outcomes, educational content, organization of classes, rules for passing the course. Terrorism in theoretical terms. Features of contemporary terrorism. Terrorist organizations and their types. Anti-terrorist activities.

Prerequisites and co-requisites

no entry requirements

Assessment methods and criteria

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

Recommended reading

Basic literature

Sebastian Wojciechowski, Przemysław Osiewicz, Zrozumieć współczesny terroryzm, Wydawca: Difin, 2017.
Tomasz Białek, Terroryzm. Manipulacja strachem, Wyd. Studio Emka, Warszawa 2005.
Charles Townshend, Terroryzm, Wyd. UŁ, Łódź 2020.
Międzynarodowe oblicza terroryzmu. Ujęcie interdyscyplinarne, red. T. Domański, Wyd. UŁ, Łódź 2017.
Marta Sara Stępień, Państwo Islamskie. Nowe oblicze terroryzmu?, Wyd. Rytm, Warszawa 2023.

	Supplementary literature	Marta Zwolan, Współczesny terroryzm międzynarodowy metody i sposoby zwalczania, Facta Simonidis, 2015 nr 1(8), s. 187-206. Współczesny terroryzm, red. Aleksandra Zięba, SECURO Czasopismo Studenckiego Koła Naukowego Bezpieczeństwa Wewnętrznego, 3/2016 cały numer. Józef M. Fiszer, Terroryzm jako zagrożenie dla współczesnych stosunków międzynarodowych, Myśl Ekonomiczna i Polityczna, 2012, nr 3 (38), s. 155-187. Józef M. Fiszer, Terroryzm jako zagrożenie dla bezpieczeństwa euroatlantyckiego i nowego ładu międzynarodowego, (w:) System euroatlantycki w wielobiegunowym ładzie międzynarodowym, red. Józef M. Fiszer, Paweł Olszewski, ELIPSA-PAN, Warszawa 2013, s. 267-295. Tomasz Wałek, Pojęcie, geneza i klasyfikacja zjawisk terrorystycznych, Securitologia No 2/2018, s. 110-124. K. Jałoszyński, Zagrożenie terroryzmem w wybranych krajach Europy Zachodniej oraz w Stanach Zjednoczonych, Warszawa 2001, s. 8-10. Maria Gołda-Sobczak, Witold Sobczak, Problem definicji terroryzmu, Themis Polska Nova, 2018, 2(14), s. 92-119. Brunon Hołyst, Terroryzm, Warszawa 2011. Bruce Hoffman, Oblicza terroryzmu, Warszawa 1999. Bartosz Bolechów, Terroryzm w świecie podwubiegunowym, Toruń 2001. Bartosz Bolechów, Polityka antyterrorystyczna w świetle badań nad terroryzmem, Wrocław 2012.
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Models of terrorist organizations. Characteristics of left-wing terrorism. Characteristics of religious terrorism. In what year did the passenger plane explosion over Lockerbie take place, killing 259 passengers. In what year did the massacre on Utoya Island by Aders Breivik take place, killing 69 people. Name the organization that sprayed the poisonous sarin gas in the Tokyo subway on March 20, 1995, killing 12 people and injuring at least several thousand. Name the organization that claimed responsibility for the attack on March 22, 2024 in Moscow, killing at least 137 people. Who was the perpetrator of the largest number of terrorist incidents in 2022? In which country did the largest number of terrorist incidents take place in 2022? In what year was Boko Haram founded - a Nigerian radical Sunni organization of a military nature, also conducting terrorist actions. Describe the four waves of modern terrorism according to David Rapoport.	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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