

SUBJECT CARD

1. Basic information

Subject	History of International Relations
Faculty	Faculty of Law
Field of studies	International Relations
Specialization	international business
PRK level	6 PRK
Education level	first-cycle studies
Form of studies	full-time studies
Group of activities	—
Number of ECTS points	5
Type of subject	obligatory
Total number of hours	30 h
Didactic cycle	2024/2025 winter
Academic semester	1
Academic year	1
Education profile	general academic
Year of implementation	2024/2025
Language of instruction	English
Teacher(s)	prof. dr hab. Jerzy Zdanowski

Semester, number of ECTS points, type of subject, number of hours

Semester	Lecture
1	30 godz. 5 ECTS

2. General objectives

C1	This course aims at presenting to the students the critical problems in international relations in modern times, especially in the 20th century. The purpose is to highlight some of the main developments that shaped that period. The 20th century was marked by wars, the birth of new states, and rapid industrial growth that provided economic prosperity and growing political and economic interdependence as well as religious, ethnic, and national consciousness. The main questions addressed to the students will focus on a possible shift in global political and economic hegemony from the West to the East.
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3. Introductory requirements

General knowledge about history in modern times. Good command of English.

4. Learning outcomes

W1	Knowledge: He/she is able to adopt an interdisciplinary approach to the history of international relations and proposes to examine the main issues of global developments in the 20th century.
U1	Skills: He/she can combine a theoretical approach to the history of international relations is combined with an analysis of the cases of historical developments in Europe, America, Asia, and Africa. The idea of the course is to provide the students with a method of dealing with critical issues in international relations in the 20th century. He/she will be able to use a framework for analysis and better understand the primary issues in the international relations of modern times.
K1	Social competence: Graduates of this course will be prepared to examine the fundamental problems of international relations, including environmental pollution, the population explosion, and seeking a balance between global and regional impact.

5. Course program

Lecture (30 h)

Code	Detailed description of the topic blocks (semester: 1)
Wyk1	Keys concepts in International Relations: balance of power, conflict resolution, democratic peace, global governance, and human rights. 2 hours
Wyk2	Main theories of International Relations: functionalism, liberalism, and neoliberalism, marxism, postmodernism, realism, social constructivism, feminism, and gender. 2 h
Wyk3	The Westphalian Peace of 1648 and its importance for contemporary international relations. 2 h
Wyk4	From the Congress of Vienna of 1815 to WWI. 6 h
Wyk5	The origins and consequences of WWI. 4 h
Wyk6	The League of Nations and the international order until WWII. 4 h
Wyk7	The roots and consequences of WWII. 4 h
Wyk8	What was the Cold War? 2 h
Wyk9	Engines of growth in the West and the East. World environment, global civil society, and global governance. 4 h

6. Didactic methods

Lecture	
M17	Multimedia presentation
M20	Lecture

7. Student workload

Number of hours under supervision	Student workload
Lecture	30 h
Including e-learning:	0 h

Student's own work	
	95 h

Total workload	
Total number of hours for the course	125 h
Total number of ECTS points	5 ECTS

8. Conditions for course completion

Course completion criteria

Multiple choice mid-term exam and final written exam.

Lectures (Final exam / Final pass)	
Grade 5:	Minimum 91% of points on the final exam.
Grade 4,5:	Minimum 81% of points on the final exam.
Grade 4:	Minimum 71% of points on the final exam.
Grade 3,5:	Minimum 61% of points on the final exam.
Grade 3:	Minimum 51% of points on the final exam.

9. Literature

Basic literature

1. A. Acharya and B. Buzan — The Making of Global International Relations: Origins and Evolution of IR at its Centenary, Oxford, 2019, Oxford University Press [parts]
2. T. Dunne, M. Kurki, S. Smith — T. Dunne, M. Kurki, S. Smith International Relations Theories: Discipline and Diversity, Oxford, 2016, Oxford University Press [parts]

Supplementary literature

1. J.-A. Pemberton — The Story of International Relations, Part One: Cold-Blooded Idealists, London, 2019, Palgrave Macmillan [parts]

Lecturer's publications

1. J. Zdanowski, Can Muslims be French Citizens? Muslim Soldiers in the French Army in the WWI, Krakow, Oficyna Krakowska, 2021.

11. Information about academic teachers

The person responsible for the card

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