

SUBJECT CARD

1. Basic information

Subject	Violence and Terror in 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	4
Type of subject	obligatory
Total number of hours	30 h
Didactic cycle	2024/2025 winter
Academic semester	6
Academic year	3
Education profile	general academic
Year of implementation	2026/2027
Language of instruction	English
Teacher(s)	prof. dr hab. Jerzy Zdanowski

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

Semester	Lecture
6	30 godz. 4 ECTS

2. General objectives

C1	<p>This course aims to present to the students the problem of using violence in international relations at theoretical and practical levels.</p> <p>The purpose is to highlight the causes and consequences of political violence and its different forms in history and the age of globalization. The main questions addressed to the students will focus on terror from above or state terrorism and terror from below or dissident terrorism. The first form will be discussed in terms of the concept of national security, and the second one - in terms of an individual or group's attempts to shape alternative identities.</p>
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3. Introductory requirements

- 1 Good command of English
- 2 General knowledge about international relations since 1945.

4. Learning outcomes

W1	Knowledge: The course adopts 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: The theoretical approach to the history of terrorism is combined with an analysis of the cases of its 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.
K1	Social competence: Graduates of this course will be prepared to examine the fundamental problem of contemporary international relations at both global and regional levels.

5. Course program

Lecture (30 h)

Code	Detailed description of the topic blocks (semester: 6)
Wyk1	Violence in international relations: definitions, forms, and types. 6 hours
Wyk2	International organizations and international conventions on violence (war, aggression, genocide, and violence against women). 6 h
Wyk3	The concept of national security and security risk. Threats to national security: terrorism, conflicts, cybersecurity, civil emergencies, energy security, organized crime, border security, and arms control. 6 h
Wyk4	Terrorism in history: its forms and causes. 6 h
Wyk5	Governmental responses and strategies of counter-terrorism. International Anti-Terrorism Agreements. 6 h

6. Didactic methods

Lecture	
M17	Multimedia presentation
M19	Case study
M20	Lecture

7. Student workload

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

Student's own work	
	70 h

Total workload	
Total number of hours for the course	100 h
Total number of ECTS points	4 ECTS

8. Conditions for course completion

Course completion criteria

Passing the mid-term test in the semester and passing the final oral exam based on questions formulated and discussed during the revision of the material in the last lecture.

Lectures (Final exam / Final pass)	
Grade 5:	A perfect answer to three of the three questions.
Grade 4,5:	A perfect answer to two of the three questions and suitable to the third one.
Grade 4:	A perfect answer to two of the three questions and suitable to the third one.
Grade 3,5:	A satisfactory answer to three of the three questions.
Grade 3:	A satisfactory answer to two of the three questions.

9. Literature

Basic literature

1. Catrien Bijleveld — Conflicts and International Crimes: An Introduction to Research Methods, Den Haag, 2019, Eleven International Publishing [parts]
2. Charles Townshend — Terrorism. A Very Short Introduction, Oxford, 2018, Oxford University Press [parts]
3. D. Psoiu and S. Hain — Theories of Terrorism. An Introduction, London and New York, 2019, Routledge [parts]
4. Samuel Charap, Miranda Priebe, Avoiding a Long War U.S. Policy and the Trajectory of the Russia-Ukraine Conflict, RAND, 2023, <https://www.rand.org/pubs/perspectives/PEA2510-1.html>.

Supplementary literature

1. S.E. Davies, J. True — The Oxford Handbook of Women, Peace, and Security, Oxford, 2019, Oxford University Press [parts]
2. International and Transnational Crime and Justice — M. Natarajan (red.) , Cambridge, 2019 [parts]

11. Information about academic teachers

The person responsible for the card

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