

Subject card

Subject name and code	Middle East in the modern world, PG_00145653						
Field of study	Political Studies						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2023	Academic year of realisation of subject			2025/2026		
Education level	Bachelor's studies	Subject group			Optional subject group Humanistic-social subject group		
Mode of study	full-time studies	Mode of delivery			at the university		
Year of study	3	Language of instruction			Polish Polish		
Semester of study	5	ECTS credits			3.0		
Learning profile	academic	Assessment form			credit		
Conducting unit							
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr hab. Wojciech Grabowski				
	Teachers		dr hab. Wojciech Grabowski				
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		0.0	30
Subject objectives	<p>To familiarize students with the most important political, social and economic processes in the Middle East region from the end of the 20th century to the present.</p> <p>To understand the dynamics of security, conflict and foreign policy of the countries of the region.</p> <p>To introduce the application of international relations theory to the analysis of the Middle East.</p> <p>To critically reflect on the role of religion, identity and narrative in shaping policy.</p>						
Learning outcomes	Course outcome		Subject outcome		Method of verification		
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The student knows the main political and social conditions of the Middle East. • Understands the dynamics of conflicts and the role of great powers. • Is able to apply theories of international relations to the analysis of regional cases. • Is able to critically evaluate the narratives and political myths present in the region. 		[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SK4] test/exam - oral or written [SK8] observation of student's independent or team work		

Subject contents	<p>Block 1: Introduction and historical context (2 meetings)</p> <p>1 Introduction to the Middle East region Borders, subregional division, basic concepts, main actors.</p> <p>2 Historical legacy and decolonization Fall of the Ottoman Empire, League of Nations Mandates, creation of nation states.</p> <p>Block 2: State, power and society (3 meetings)</p> <p>3 Types of regimes and forms of government in the region Monarchies, authoritarian republics, hybrid systems.</p> <p>4 Civil society, the role of youth and women Protests, social reform movements, the role of migration.</p> <p>5 Religion and politics Instrumentalization of religion, secularism, political Islam.</p> <p>Block 3: Conflicts and regional security (4 meetings)</p> <p>6 The Israeli-Palestinian conflict Origins, evolution, contemporary challenges (Abraham Accords, Gaza).</p> <p>7 Iran-Saudi Arabia rivalry Proxy conflicts, the fight for hegemony in the Gulf.</p> <p>8 The role of external actors: the US, Russia, China Interventions, balancing power, interdependencies.</p> <p>9 Terrorism and hybrid wars ISIS, Al-Qaeda, proxy wars in Syria, Yemen, Iraq.</p> <p>Block 4: Economy and development challenges (2 meetings)</p> <p>Rentier economies and transformation Vision 2030, diversification, dependence on raw materials.</p> <p>11 Environmental and social crises Water resources, climate change, food security.</p> <p>Block 5: Theories of international relations and the Middle East (4 meetings)</p> <p>12 Realism and neorealism in the analysis of the region Great power rivalry, balance of power, security.</p> <p>13 Liberalism and neoliberalism Attempts at regional cooperation, institutions, economic dependencies.</p> <p>14 Marxism and World-System Theory Center-periphery dependence, imperialism, rentier states.</p> <p>15 Constructivism and the myth of orthodoxy Identity, narratives, religion as a political instrument.</p>											
Prerequisites and co-requisites	no additional requirements											
Assessment methods and criteria	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Subject passing criteria</th> <th>Passing threshold</th> <th>Percentage of the final grade</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td>50.0%</td> <td>50.0%</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>50.0%</td> <td>50.0%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade		50.0%	50.0%		50.0%	50.0%
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Recommended reading	Basic literature	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. W. Grabowski, Współpraca regionalna państw autorytarnych: studium przypadku arabskich państw Bliskiego Wschodu, Gdańsk 2021 2. W. Grabowski, Beyond tradition and modernity: challenges of transformation in Saudi Arabia, Rocznik Orientalistyczny, vol. 74, no. 2, pp. 8297, 2021 3. W. Grabowski, Political regime type and regional cooperation a case study of Arab states, Przegląd Strategiczny, vol. 13, 2020, pp. 199-213. 4. W. Grabowski, Application of the Regional Security Complex Theory for security analysis in the Persian Gulf, Atheneum, 2020, pp. 18-31. 5. W. Grabowski, The Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf a study of Arab regionalism and integration, in: International Theory Application in Asia and Africa, M. Grabowski, T. Pugacewicz (eds.), Peter Lang Verlag, 2019, pp. 205-217 6. W. Grabowski, From speech act to extraordinary measures - securitization and hybrid warfare in Iran-Israel relations, Przegląd Strategiczny, Art. nr 15, 2022, doi: 10.14746/ps.2022.1.9. 7. W. Grabowski, The impact of COVID-19 on the Persian Gulf: the realist perspective, Stosunki Międzynarodowe - International Relations, t. 2, s. 111, 2022, doi: 10.12688/stomiedintrelat.17585.1. 8. Piotr Baranowski, Mit ortodoksji. Teorie SM a wyjaśnienia polityki międzynarodowej Bliskiego Wschodu Przegląd literatury, Poznań 2023 										

	Supplementary literature	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. J. Zdanowski, Stosunki międzynarodowe na Bliskim Wschodzie w XX wieku, Kraków 2012 2. J. Zdanowski, Historia Bliskiego Wschodu w XX wieku, Wrocław 2010 3. W. Grabowski, Regionalizm w teorii realizmu. Casus Zatoki Perskiej, [w:] E. Haliżak, J. Czaputowicz /red./ Teoria realizmu w nauce o stosunkach międzynarodowych. Założenia i zastosowania badawcze, Warszawa 2014, s. 265-279. 4. K. Jędrzejczyk-Kuliniak Kwestia zjednoczenia świata arabskiego funkcjonowanie Ligi Państw Arabskich, w: K. Jędrzejczyk-Kuliniak K., Kwieciński L., Michalski B., Stadtmüller E.(red.) Regionalizacja w stosunkach międzynarodowych. Aspekty polityczno-gospodarcze, wyd. Adam Marszałek, Toruń 2008. 5. B. Bojarczyk, The Gulf Cooperation Council - regional integration mechanism, <i>Annales UMCS, Politologia</i>, 20(1), 2013, s. 69-85 6. R. Bania The Question of Identity inside the EU and the GCC Areas as the Factor Constructing the Process of Regional Integration, <i>Rocznik Orientalistyczny</i>, nr. 2, 2013, s. 32-53 7. I. Pszczółka Integracja monetarna państw Zatoki Perskiej, Przyszłość integracji europejskiej. Uwarunkowania rozwoju gospodarczego Unii Europejskiej, P. Misztal, W. Rakowski (red.), Warszawa 2012, s. 301-315. 8. A. Łukaszewicz, Ewolucja systemów społeczno-ekonomicznych monarchii naftowych Zatoki Perskiej. Studium przypadku państw rentierskich, Warszawa 2015
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Define the Middle East as a geographical and political region? How and when was the term Middle East created? Discuss the Sykes-Picot Agreement and its effects 2. List the countries of the Middle East, list the largest and smallest countries in the region, list and describe the bridge states, provide other terms for the region and subregions 3. The Islamic Empire (Ummayad and Abbasid Caliphate) how it was founded, what territories it covered, give the reasons for its successes and the effects of its conquests 4. Discuss the causes, accelerators and effects of the Crusades and the Mongol and Ottoman Empires 5. Discuss the political, legal, administrative and social structure of the BW states 	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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