

**Subject card**

<b>Subject name and code</b>	, PG_00190999						
<b>Field of study</b>	Political Studies						
<b>Date of commencement of studies</b>	October 2026	<b>Academic year of realisation of subject</b>			2027/2028		
<b>Education level</b>	Bachelor's studies	<b>Subject group</b>			Obligatory subject group in the field of study Optional subject group Subject group related to scientific research in the field of study		
<b>Mode of study</b>	full-time studies	<b>Mode of delivery</b>			at the university		
<b>Year of study</b>	2	<b>Language of instruction</b>			Polish		
<b>Semester of study</b>	4	<b>ECTS credits</b>			2.0		
<b>Learning profile</b>	academic	<b>Assessment form</b>			credit		
<b>Conducting unit</b>							
<b>Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)</b>	<b>Subject supervisor</b>		dr Margot Stańczyk-Minkiewicz				
	<b>Teachers</b>						
<b>Lesson types</b>	<b>Lesson type</b>	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	<b>Number of study hours</b>	30.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30
	E-learning hours included: 0.0						
<b>Learning activity and number of study hours</b>	<b>Learning activity</b>	Participation in didactic classes included in study plan		Participation in consultation hours		Self-study	SUM
	<b>Number of study hours</b>	30		0.0		20.0	50
<b>Subject objectives</b>	The purpose of the course is to familiarize students with the specifics of the African continent, its role and position in international relations, the situation of individual states and also the influence of external actors and the relations taking place between internal actors.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[POLL3_W11] Has an advanced knowledge of the mechanisms of governance and political decision-making, including knowledge of the principles and relationships between management, organizing and other interactions between entrepreneurship and politics, has advanced knowledge of the threats and challenges facing politics, including the principles of creating and developing forms of individual entrepreneurship.		[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
	[POLL3_W07] Has advanced knowledge about democracy, civil society, political culture and the essence of public discourse in historical and contemporary terms.		[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
	[POLL3_U02] Is able to analyze and describe the origins and course of social, political, economic, legal, ethical, and cultural processes and phenomena from a historical perspective, as well as in contemporary states and globally, using theoretical knowledge.		[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion
	[POLL3_K03] Is prepared to work in public organisations and institutions, including public administration bodies, political parties and other national and international organisations.		[SK5] implementation of a problem task
	[POLL3_W14] Has advanced knowledge of the political organization of societies, states, and other political actors, the processes of their transformation, as well as relationships and networks at the local, regional, national, and international levels, within the framework of the selected module (specialization).		[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
	[POLL3_K01] Is prepared to participate in public life and in teams implementing social, political and civic projects at various levels of participation, and uses the acquired knowledge, skills and competencies to act in an entrepreneurial manner.		[SK4] test/exam - oral or written

Subject contents	<p>African continent - historical outline: colonial conquest of African countries, paths to independence of African countries, artificial division of borders. Specifics of the African continent: geographical, political, economic, social and cultural conditions, ethno-cultural contradictions, level of economic development vs. African conflicts, religion as a destabilizing factor for security in Africa. Sub-Saharan Africa - characteristics of the region: Horn of Africa countries, problems and challenges for security in the region. Africa's position in international relations: foreign policy of African states, Regional powers in Africa, sectoral powers, North Africa in European foreign policy, analysis of mutual relations after the decolonization process, Arab Spring - internal and external consequences of the revolution. International activity on the African continent - balance of losses and gains: Chinese presence in Africa - economic and political consequences, Europe - Africa - the new face of economic cooperation. US policy towards Africa. State in Africa - functioning and directions of transformation: condition of modern states in Africa, democracy as the foundation of state development, lack of democratization of African states - analysis of the causes, tribalisms in Africa, lack of nation-states. Authoritarian regimes in Africa: weakness of state institutions, dysfunctionality of the continent's states, rates of state bankruptcy, epidemic of dysfunctionality inside and outside the African continent. Challenges and threats to the continent's internal security: international terrorism - Africa as a space for extremists to operate, internal and inter-state conflicts ( ethnic, religious, resource, territorial, political, etc.), organized crime, failure to respect human rights, the scale of migration and refugeeism in Africa, social problems of the continent, Mediterranean region in international relations, The situation of the African continent as a factor posing a threat to global security: The scale of legal and illegal migration from Africa, Africa as a cradle of international terrorism, Organized crime - trafficking of people, weapons, drugs outside the African continent. International activity to improve the situation on the African continent: activities of the EU, UN, NATO, WTO, UNICEF, UNESCO, humanitarian activities in Africa, development assistance to African countries, problems and risks associated with humanitarian and development aid, Who needs dysfunctional states?</p>		
Prerequisites and co-requisites	No prerequisites		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
		51.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	<p>A. Literature required for final course credit (passing the exam): A. 1. used during the class: B. Davidson, Social and political history of Africa in the 20th century, Warsaw 2011. M. Meredith, History of Modern Africa. Half a century of independence, Warsaw 2011. A. 2. studied independently by the student: W. Lizak, African security institutions, Warsaw 2012. K. Trzeciński, Demokratyzacja w Afryce Subaharyjskiej, Warsaw 2013.</p>	
	Supplementary literature	<p>B. Supplementary literature: K. Jarecka - Stępień, J. Kościółek, Problems of contemporary Africa. Opportunities and challenges for the future, Krakow 2012.</p>	
	eResources addresses		
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed			
Work placement	Not applicable		

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