University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Political Geography - lecture, PG_00193882						
Field of study	Geography						
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 Subject group related to scientific research in the field of study			
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	academic		Assessment form	exam			
Conducting unit	Division of Political Georgraphy -> Institute of Socio-Economic Geography and Spatial Management -> Faculty of Social Sciences -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr hab. Jan Wendt, prof. UG				
	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		1.0	19.0	50	
Subject objectives	learning the basic concepts, outline of history, scope and methods of research in political geography, presenting the historical, economic and social conditions of changes on the contemporary political map of the world, multi-aspect analysis of diversity, assessment and classification of countries and political groups, analysis and assessment of changes and electoral preferences in Poland, conflicts from a regional, continental and global perspective geographical aspect and identifying potential conflict regions, presentation of the main political problems of the modern world.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[GEOGRL3-K02] is prepared to bear full responsibility for the actions taken actions and adhere to the principles of professional ethics and principles of intellectual honesty, is aware of the importance of a professional approach in professional life professional life	Knows and understands the importance and value of ethics in scientific research and the process of self-education.	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[GEOGRL3-U01] can dentify and analyze basic natural and socio-economic processes and phenomena, analyze their causes and course, and formulate and discuss basic issues concerning physical-geographical conditions and the social, economic, and political situation and their changes on various spatial scales	The student is able to identify the main political, economic and social processes taking place in the contemporary world and indicate their causes and consequences.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[GEOGRL3-W02] knows and understands key concepts and theories in geography, as well as advanced processes and phenomena related to spatial diversity and the distribution of processes and phenomena on the Earth's surface at various spatial scales, particularly in Poland	The student knows the basic theories and concepts of political geography.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[GEOGRL3-W03] knows and understands on advanced level social, economic, and political diversity in the world, as well as the social, economic, and political characteristics of countries and regions, especially northern Poland and the Pomeranian Province; understanding of socio-economic changes taking place in the modern world	The student has knowledge of the political diversity of Poland and selected regions of the world.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[GEOGRL3-W06] knows advanced methods of acquiring, processing, and compiling geographic environmental data, as well as methods of analyzing and interpreting such data	proszę o skasowanie efektu	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[GEOGRL3-U02] can use theoretical knowledge in the field of geography and available sources of information to correctly interpret basic natural, social, economic, and political processes and phenomena	Is able to use knowledge of political geography to create forecasts and scenarios for the course of social and political processes.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[GEOGRL3-U04] can apply field and laboratory methods and research tools, spatial analysis methods, and methods of presenting research results in the field of geography, assess their usefulness for tasks in which the application goal of geography can be realized	jak powyżej	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written

Subject contents	1/. Scope, topics, literature on the subject. Passing conditions. Political geography theoretical foundations, research methods, classic approach. Politics and political science, geopolitics - contemporary research. Romer and Nałkowski, "Mitteleuropa", schools in geopolitics. The return of classic geopolitics? 2/. The formation of Poland's borders in the 20th century. Borders and territory of 1923; 1945 and 1989 "I will not leave the land where we come from!" National, ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities in Poland. Ukrainians in Poland problem or opportunity? Poles outside the country. 3/. Electoral geography - basic concepts. Single or multi-member districts? Voting attitudes and preferences. Tough electorate in Poland? Elections in Poland 2023-2024. Do elections still matter? What is the law, what are the choices. Who wins the elections and why? 4/. The country and its spatial attributes. Origin, borders, delimitation, shape, size of the country, location of the capital. The strength and potential of the state. Empires and colonies. The colonial division of the world and decolonization in the 20th century. Neo-colonialism / globalization, cheap production. Is it worth buying cheap? 5/. Border changes in Europe in the first half 20th century Europe and the world after 1989 Integration and disintegration processes (Russia, Yugoslavia, etc.). National and ethnic minorities in the "new" European countries. Roma in Europe. Northern Ireland and the UK after Brexit. Scotland/Catalonia a country? 6/. Ethnic diversity of the world's population. Great world religions and their followers. Linguistic, religious (caste), racial diversity and the nation state. Religious, ethnic and economic conflicts. Do You speak English? English the lingua franca of the 21st century. Civilization conflict? 7/. Political geography of Russia. Putin's empire. Russia's wars after 1989. Russia's war with Ukraine in 2014. 2022 ? The policies of the EU, the USA and China and the war between Russia and Ukraine. The war in Ukraine and NATO. War in cyberspace. Is a new political geography of the world taking shape? 8/. Islam and the Arab question. "Arab Spring". The collapse of Iraq and the independence of Kurdistan. What after ISIS? Superpower Türkiye or Iran? Hamas and Hezbollah. Saudi Arabia and its reforms. War in Yemen. War in Israel. USA in the Middle East. 9/. Problems of Europe and the EU. Rich (?) Europe and its problems. Energy, agriculture, FF55, demography, rule of law. "New Left" and "New Right". Terrorism, economy, Islamic law in EU countries. Migrations to the EU (e.g. border with Belarus). Muslims in Europe guests or hosts? 10/. Poland's foreign policy at the turn of the 20th century and the 21st century. Historical conditions of Polish eastern policy, the Polish minority in the east. War in Ukraine, grain in Poland and other problems. USA in Poland. EU, NATO and the "German", "American" or "Intermarium" option? 11/. UN, NATO, EU what real impact do they have on our world? Contemporary problems of the global world. US hegemony and economic war with China. Problems in Latin America, Asia, the Pacific. The geography of hunger and consumerism. Genetics and political geography. 12/. This is how the world is changing - AI, genetics, cyberspace, space. Globalization. Demographic problems of the modern world. Political correctness and gender. Climate change instead of action conferences. Epidemics. Has the world as we know it ended?
Prerequisites and co-requisites	
Assessment methods and criteria	

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

Recommended reading	Basic literature	• Blacksell M., 2008. Geografia polityczna, WN PWN, Warszawa. • Eberhardt P., 2004. Polska i jej granice. Z historii polskiej geografii politycznej, Wydawnictwo UMCS, Lublin. • Piskozub A., 1987. Dziedzictwo polskiej przestrzeni, Ossolineum, Wrocław. • Potulski, J., Bógdał-Brzezińska, A., Wendt, J.A., 2022. Aktorzy Relacje Przestrzenie. Wyzwania dla geografii politycznej, stosunków międzynarodowych i geopolityki. Polskie Towarzystwo Geopolityczne, Kraków. • Rykiel Z., 2006. Podstawy geografii politycznej, PWE, Warszawa. • Wendt, J.A., 2023. Powstanie, rozwój i współczesne problemy badań geografii politycznej. W: A. Rykała (red.), W kręgu geografii politycznej i dyscyplin okolicznych. Studia dedykowane Profesorowi Markowi Sobczyńskiemu, WUŁ, Łódź, 21-34.
	Supplementary literature	• Borkowski P.J., Bógdał-Brzezińska A., Wendt, J.A., 2021. Separating the capital region in Poland the rationality of the political conception. *European Journal of Transformation Studies*, 9, 2, 16-29. • Internet (np. www.World Fact BOOK, CIA). • Kulas B., Wendt J.A., 2018. Wybory samorządowe do sejmików wojewódzkich w Polsce, Bernardinum, Pelplin. • Sobczyński M., 2006. Państwa i terytoria zależne. Ujęcie geograficzno-polityczne, Wydawnictwo AM, Toruń. • Szul R., 2009. Język, naród, państwo. Język jako zjawisko polityczne, WN PWN, Warszawa. • Wendt J., 2001. Geografia władzy w Polsce, Wydawnictwo UG, Gdańsk. • Wendt J.A., Bógdał-Brzezińska A., 2020. Presidential Elections in Poland and the United States and Democracy. *Revista Română de Geografie Politică,* 22(2), 61-70. • Wendt, J.A., 2022. Zainteresowanie CIA krajami postradzieckimi z perspektywy zasobów globalnego internetu. *Przegląd Geopolityczny,* 42, 103-116. • Wendt, J.A., 2023. Artificial intelligence, genom, cyberspace and space contemporary threats to the security of the state and nations. *Revista Română de Geografie Politică,* 25(2), 54-63.
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Present the problems of research in electoral geography on the example of single- and multi-member constituencies. Describe the changes in Poland's borders after World War II. Using a selected example, present the problems related to the decolonization process. Discuss the main problems of Poland's membership in the EU.	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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