

Course Syllabus

I. General Information

Course name	MA seminar
Programme	International Relations
Level of studies (BA, BSc, MA, MSc, long-cycle MA)	MA
Form of studies (full-time, part-time)	Full-time
Discipline	Political Science and Administration
Language of instruction	English

Course coordinator/person responsible	Prof. dr hab. Andrzej Podraza
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Type of class (<i>use only the types mentioned below</i>)	Number of teaching hours	Semester	ECTS Points
lecture			28
tutorial			
classes			
laboratory classes			
workshops			
seminar	120	I-IV	
introductory seminar			
foreign language classes			
practical placement			
field work			
diploma laboratory			
translation classes			
study visit			

Course pre-requisites	W1 - general knowledge on various aspects of international political relations and international security. W2 - knowledge of the basics of social science methodology.
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II. Course Objectives

Acquiring research skills in the field of international relations involves identifying research problems, constructing research projects, searching and critically analysing sources, and writing a scientific text (thesis).

III. Course learning outcomes with reference to programme learning outcomes

Symbol	Description of course learning outcome	Reference to programme learning outcome
KNOWLEDGE		
W_01	The graduate knows and understands the interdisciplinary nature of knowledge and competences in the field of social sciences	K_W01
W_02	The graduate knows and understands in depth the political, social, economic and cultural conditions of international relations	K_W02
W_03	The graduate knows and understands the multidimensionality of knowledge and competences in the field of social sciences, especially as part of training to practise professions related to the implementation of international relation	K_W03
W_04	The graduate knows and understands the context of international relations, especially in the field of European integration and security	K_W06
W_05	The graduate knows and understands in depth principles of practising a profession connected with the implementation of international relations, taking into account entrepreneurship and intellectual property standards	K_W08
SKILLS		
U_01	The graduate can use in-depth knowledge and competences to independently implement solutions of problems in the field of international relations	K_U03
U_02	The graduate can correctly assess threats in international relations and present practical solutions to them	K_U05
SOCIAL COMPETENCIES		
K_01	The graduate is ready to independently integrate acquired knowledge and competences and undertake new and comprehensive activities in an organised way, also in conditions of limited access to necessary information	K_K04

IV. Course Content

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Characteristics of the principles of thesis writing. 2) Discussion of international relations theory and research methods and techniques. 3) Selection of research area and topic. 4) Preparation of a preliminary research project. 5) Discussion of the finished parts and the whole thesis. 6) Discussion of current international developments.

V. Didactic methods used and forms of assessment of learning outcomes

Symbol	Didactic methods <i>(choose from the list)</i>	Forms of assessment <i>(choose from the list)</i>	Documentation type <i>(choose from the list)</i>
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KNOWLEDGE			
W_01	Discussion; project method; research work under the guidance of the supervisor; case study	Evaluation	Protocol
W_02	Discussion; project method; research work under the guidance of the supervisor; case study	Evaluation	Protocol
W_03	Discussion; project method; research work under the guidance of the supervisor; case study	Evaluation	Protocol
W_04	Discussion; project method; research work under the guidance of the supervisor; case study	Evaluation	Protocol
W_05	Discussion; project method; research work under the guidance of the supervisor; case study	Evaluation	Protocol
SKILLS			
U_01	Text analysis; discussion; project method; research work under the guidance of the supervisor; case study	Evaluation	Protocol
U_02	Text analysis; discussion; project method; research work under the guidance of the supervisor; case study	Evaluation	Protocol
SOCIAL COMPETENCIES			
K_01	Discussion; project method	Evaluation	Protocol

VI. Grading criteria, weighting factors

The student receives credit after completing certain goals:

I year: formulation of the research problem and preparation of the research concept;

II year: writing a thesis.

VII. Student workload

Form of activity	Number of hours
Number of contact hours (with the teacher)	120
Number of hours of individual student work	720

VIII. Literature

Basic literature

Tim Dunne, Milja Kurki, Steve Smith (eds.), *International relations theories: discipline and diversity. Fifth edition*, Oxford University Press, Oxford 2021.

David Marsch, Gerry Stoker, *Theory and methods in Political Science. Second edition*, Palgrave Macmillan, Basingstoke 2002,

<https://archive.org/details/TheoryAndMethodsInPoliticalScience1/page/n1/mode/2up> (or later editions).

Literature consistent with the topic prepared by the student.

Additional literature

Andrew Heywood, Ben Whitham, *Global politics. Third edition*, Bloomsbury Publishing PLC, London 2023.

Martin Griffiths, Steven C. Roach, M. Scott Solomon, *Fifty Key Thinkers in International Relations*, Routledge, Abingdon 2009,

https://www.academia.edu/36906862/Fifty_Key_Thinkers_in_Intl_Relations.

Scott Burchill et al., *Theories of International Relations*, Palgrave Macmillan, Basingstoke 2001,

<http://lib.jnu.ac.in/sites/default/files/ReferenceFile/Theories-of-IR.pdf>.

Understanding International Relations. OpenLearn from The Open University,

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLhQpDGfX5e7C6FA5IYU3VPYN7kWHl1mxQ>

Website with a number of different information and resources: <https://www.e-ir.info/>