

Faculty of Social Sciences

Institute of Political Sciences

Offer for the 2025-2026 academic year

Course title		New Political Geography	
Course code	semester	ECTS	Lectures/classes
14.1.1355	winter	3	Lectures, 15 h
Name of the lectures and contact		dr hab. Jakub Potulski, prof UG; jakub.potulski@ug.edu.pl	
Prerequisites		n/a	
Course description		After the end of the bipolar world, political, ethnic, religious, social and economic relates have entered into a new phase of development in an effort to discover new form of balance. The political structures of the world are undergoing changes in different spatial dimension from global through macro-regional to local ones. Rapid changes in the spatial organization of politics foster growing efforts to comprehend the nature and meaning of the changing political territorial order. Studies in political geography are interdisciplinary in character and underscoring the idea that political	

	practices and outcomes cannot be divorced from the changing geographical spaces and contexts within which they are situated. The main focus of the course is to familiarize students with the new process taking place in the human-space relations, resulting from the technological revolution and the globalization of the world.
Learning outcomes	<p>Political geography provides students with a comprehensive understanding of the concepts, theories, methods, principles and models of geographic thought appropriate for analyzing politics and political relations.</p> <p>Learning outcomes: Students explain the main definitions and views related to political geography; Explain the effects of physical and human factors on political geography; Explain political and economic organizations in the world;</p>

Course title		Challenges and Chosen Problems of Social Policy	
Course code	semester	ECTS	Lectures/classes
14.1.1517	winter	3	Lectures, 15 h
Name of the lectures and contact		dr hab. Michał Kubiak, prof. UG; michal.kubiak@ug.edu.pl	
Prerequisites		-	
Course description		<p>Lectures titled Challenges and chosen problems of social policy aims to provide the participating students with basic info on the social policy and to share the experience of social cooperation. Social policy is about understanding and addressing social problems in society. It examines the formation and implementation of policy, and how this affects people's wellbeing. The subject plays a crucial role in contemporary politics especially in EU. The programme aims to develop ability to evaluate the effectiveness of social policy in EU countries, widening understanding of social issues and the position of people in society. It will give the opportunity to take a comparative approach, studying policy both in the EU and in other parts of the world.</p> <p>Contents:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Foundations and determinants of social policy; 2. Social and economic development; 3. Measurement and causes of poverty and social exclusion; 	

	4. Challenges of population and demographic changes; 5. Social economy (case studies); 6. Health care policy, 7. Family policy – determinants and practical solutions.
Learning outcomes	<p>Knowledge (student): has structured knowledge, defines and uses terms in the field of social policy and characterizes its institutions and instruments, describes selected social problems and interdependencies of social and economic development;</p> <p>Skills (student): can analyze and interpret social processes and the consequences of decisions in the sphere of social policy;</p> <p>Social competence (student): is prepared to critically express opinions and be open to various views, as well as to further deepen and supplement knowledge.</p>

Course title		Socio-political problems in the African Great Lakes region. Security aspects	
Course code	semester	ECTS	Lectures/classes
14.1.1426	winter	3	Lectures, 15 h
Name of the lectures and contact		Wioleta Gierszewska, Ph.D wioleta.gierszewska@ug.edu.pl	
Prerequisites		Basic knowledge of international relations	
Course description		1. The African Great Lakes Region as an important participant in International political relations (basic concepts, importance of the region in the international arena) 2. African studies in the 19th century. The first conquests of the GLR region. Statehood in the pre-colonial period 3. Political culture in the colonial period. Colonial transformations in the GLR region. Postcolonial problems 4. Beliefs, the essence of religion in the GLR region 5. Ethnicity 6. Contemporary socio-political issues. Potential of the region (geographic, raw materials, population).	
Learning outcomes		Explaining to students the socio-political diversity of sub-Saharan Africa. Explanation of basic concepts regarding the African Great Lakes region and the political changes taking place during the historical process.	

Course title		Leadership and Political Elites	
Course code	semester	ECTS	Lectures/classes
14.1.1359	winter	3	Lectures, 15 h
Name of the lectures and contact		dr hab. Jarosław Nocoń, prof. UG; jaroslaw.nocon@ug.edu.pl	
Prerequisites		Preliminary knowledge on political science	
Course description		The course covers the basic concepts and terms necessary to describe and explain models of political power structures, analyze the processes of selecting and creating political actors and knowledge about the main elite theories.	
Learning outcomes		Advanced knowledge of elite theory, political leadership and structures of political power.	

Course title		Violence in Contemporary Politics	
Course code	semester	ECTS	Lectures/classes
14.1.1355	winter	3	Lectures, 15 h
Name of the lectures and contact		Kornel Bielawski, Ph.D kornel.bielawski@ug.edu.pl	
Prerequisites		Basic knowledge of sociology and political science	
Course description		The course participants will analyze the phenomenon of violence in politics. The idea of violence will be reconstructed and redefined. Participants will learn about basic methods and strategies of violence usage by state and non-state actors.	
Learning outcomes		Ability to critically analyze the phenomenon of violence; ability to understand and find the political causes of violence.	

