

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE OF UKRAINE
Lesya Ukrainka Volyn National University
International Relations and Regional Studies Department

SYLLABUS
of the normative academic discipline
“BASICS OF GEOPOLITICS AND GEOSTRATEGY”

bachelors training
direction of knowledge 029 «International relations»
specialty 291 «International relations, public communications and regional studios»
educational-professional programme «International relations»

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Head of the department:



Natalia Kotsan

SYLLABUS – COURSE CARD

COURSE NAME	BASICS OF GEOPOLITICS AND GEOSTRATEGY
THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE	International Relations and Regional Studies Department. International Relations Faculty.
PERIOD OF THE COURSE REALIZATION	7 semester of the 4 th course 1 sem. 2025-2025 educational year
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LECTURER'S COMPETENCIES AND EXPERIENCE	PhD(candidate of geographical sciences), proficiency in Ukrainian and English (certificate B2) languages. Research interests in tourism and geopolitics; transformation of geopolitical interests of Ukraine at the present stage.
FORM OF CLASSES	Lectures+seminars
CREDITS OF ECTS	5 (150 hours)
FORM OF OBTAINING CREDIT	Exam
METHODS AND FORMS OF STUDENTS 'WORK EVALUATION (CRITERIA AND FORM OF EVALUATION AND OBTAINING LOAN OF THE COURSE	<p>The form of the final semester control from the discipline is exam, which is passed orally. Exam ticket includes 3 questions (1 theoretical and 2 practical)</p> <p>If the current semester evaluation is not less than 75 points, by the agreement of the student, it can be scored up as a final evaluation of the discipline. Otherwise, or by the wish to improve the rating the student passes the exam orally. Herewith, the points got by the results of module control works are canceled.</p> <p>Exam evaluation is defined in points (0 to 60) by the results of the examination tasks. In this case the final semester evaluation is determined as the sum of the current semester and examination estimation in points, by accordance to the rating scale. Assessment and mastering of the course are presented according to the rating scale.</p>
EDUCATIONAL DISCIPLINE POLICY	<p>During seminars, evaluation is made in accordance to student's ability to analyze and transfer the acquired knowledge, re-reading the information from the paper is prohibited. ISRT is represented during seminars, all references to used materials and resources must be made in accordance to true resources, and each student is personally responsible for academic integrity. Missed lectures can't be repassed, seminars can be repassed only if there is objective evidence of the student's absence. Deadline for the representation of ISRT and missed seminars is until the day of exam passing. Repassing of the exam is hold in accordance with the approved schedule of the exam session.</p> <p>The maximum number of absences without true reasons - 2.</p>
PURPOSE AND TASKS OF THE COURSE	<p>The aim of course is to form knowledge about theory of geopolitics, its functions and main tasks, geopolitical interests, vectors of geostrategy, geo-economic priorities in foreign policy of regions and world countries.</p> <p>The task of course is acquiring a comprehensive knowledge of geopolitical and geo-economic map of the world and place of countries regions in it; forming the ideas about the balance of power in world geopolitics and geoeconomics; awareness of Ukraine's objective geopolitical and geo-economic role and place in the world.</p>

COURSE DESCRIPTION

COURSE IS DIVIDED INTO 8 ISSUES (CLASS TOPICS)

No.	Topic
1.	Theoretical basis of the geopolitics study
2.	Historical stages of geopolitics as a science formation
3.	Classic geopolitical ideas and concepts
4.	Modern geopolitical ideas and concepts
5.	Russian geopolitical ideas and concepts and their influence on the behavior of the state on the international arena
6.	Global and regional applied geopolitics
7.	Features of Ukrainian geopolitical thought formation
8.	Geopolitical interests and geostrategy of modern Ukraine

SUPPLEMENTARY LITERATURE

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Гольцов А. Г. Геополітика та політична географія : підручник. К. : Центр учб. л-ри, 2012. 416 с. 2. Дністрянський М. Геополітичні доктрини і підходи : критичний аналіз методології. Львів: ЛНУ, 2003. 111 с. 3. Дністрянський М. С. Геополітика : Навчальний посібник. Львів : ЛНУ імені Івана Франка, 2011. 436 с. 4. Дністрянський М. С. Політична географія та геополітика України : Навчальний посібник. Тернопіль : Навчальна книга □ Богдан, 2010. 344 с. 5. Дорошко М. С., Шпакова Н. В. Геополітичне середовище та геополітична орієнтація країн СНД : Навч. посіб. К.: Центр учбової літератури, 2011. 6. Кудряченко А. І., Рудич Ф. М., Храмов В. О. Геополітика : Підручник. К. : МАУП, 2004. 7. Мадіссон В. В., Шахов В. А. Сучасна українська геополітика : навч. посіб. для студентів гуманітар. спец. вищ. навч. закл. Київ : Либідь, 2003. 174 с. 8. Кучик О. С., Заяць О. А. Зовнішня політика України : навчальний посібник 2010 URL: http://politics.ellib.org.ua/pages-cat-154.html (дата звернення: 04.07.2021)
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MANDATORY LITERATURE

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Вегеш М., Палінчак М., Петрінко В. Геополітика в поняттях і термінах: підручник для студентів та аспірантів спеціальні " Політологія". Ужгород: Видавничий дім "Гельветика", 2020. 786 с. 2. Дністрянський М. С. Загострення геополітичних взаємин у період постмодерну та становище України : монографія. Львів : ЛНУ імені Івана Франка, 2021. 154 с. 3. Закономірності функціонування глобальної економіки. URL: http : // www.helpiks.org/4-19769.html. (дата звернення: 04.07.2021) 4. Мирослав Дністрянський, Галина Копачинська, Наталія Дністрянська Проблеми неврегульованості політичного статусу територій як чинник поглиблення суперечностей у міжнародних відносинах. Наукові записки Тернопільського національного педагогічного університету імені Володимира Гнатюка. Серія:
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географія. Том 51, № 2 (2021). С: 74-81 DOI: <https://doi.org/10.25128/2519-4577.21.2>
 URL: <http://nzg.tnpu.edu.ua/issue/view/14796>

5. Незалежний аналітичний центр геополітичних досліджень «Борисфен Інтел» URL: <https://bintel.org.ua/> (дата звернення: 04.07.2021)

6. Jeremy Black. Why geopolitics matters. URL: <https://www.fpri.org/article/2020/01/why-geopolitics-matters/> (дата звернення: 04.09.2021)

7. Geopolitics: Definition, Foundations & Example URL: <https://study.com/academy/lesson/geopolitics-definition-foundations-example.html> (дата звернення: 04.09.2021)

Effects of education

	Integral	General	Special (professional)
Competences	<p>The ability to solve complex specialized tasks and practical problems in the field of international relations, social communication and regional studies, foreign policy activities of states, international interactions between states, international organizations and non-state actors, characterized by the complexity and uncertainty of conditions and which involves the application of theories of social sciences and special scientific methods of international relations problems research.</p>	GC3 The ability to learn and master modern knowledge.	SC1 The ability to distinguish signs and trends of development, to understand the organization nature, dynamics, principles of international relations, public communications and/or regional studies.
		GC4 Knowledge and understanding of the subject area and understanding of professional activity.	SC2 The ability to analyze international processes in various contexts, including political, security, legal, economic, social, cultural and informational ones.
		GC5 The ability to work in an international context.	SC4 The ability to solve complex specialized tasks and practical problems in the field of interstate relations, states foreign policy, public communications, regional studies.
		GC7 The ability to apply knowledge in practical situations.	SC5 The ability to analyze the influence of the world economy, international law and domestic politics on the structure and dynamics of international relations and the states foreign policy.
		GC8 The ability to abstract thinking, analysis and synthesis.	SC8 Awareness of the national interests of Ukraine in the international arena.
		GC10 The ability to communicate the national language both orally and in writing form.	SC9 The ability to apply knowledge of the characteristics of the development of countries and regions features and regularities of global processes and the place of individual states
		GC12 The ability to search, process and	

		analyze information from various sources.	in them to solve complex specialized tasks and problems.
		GC13 The ability to be critical and self-critical.	

Learning outcomes		
	LO01	To know and understand the nature of international relations and regional development, the evolution, the state of theoretical studies of international relations and world politics, as well as the nature and sources of the states' policies in the international arena and the activities of other participants in international relations.
	LO03	To know the nature of international cooperation, the nature of interaction between international actors, the ratio of state and non-state actors in world politics.
	LO04	To know the principles, mechanisms and processes of ensuring the states' foreign policy, the interaction between foreign and domestic policies, the definition and implementation of the national interests of states on the international arena, the process of forming and implementing foreign policy decisions.
	LO06	To know the nature and character of interactions of individual countries and regions at the global, regional and local levels.
	LO11	To carry out an applied analysis of international relations, the foreign policy of Ukraine and other states, international processes and the international situation in accordance with the set goals, prepare informative and analytical reports.
	LO13	To conduct a professional discussion on issues of international relations, international communications, regional studies, foreign policy activities, argue one's position, respect opponents and their points of view.
	LO15	To understand and apply current legislation, international regulatory documents and agreements, reference materials, current standards and technical conditions, etc., to solve complex specialized problems of international relations, public communications and regional studies.
	LO17	To have the skills of self-determination of educational goals and learning, finding educational resources necessary for their achievement

METHODS OF WORK AND WORKLOAD

ECTS credits points (1 ECTS credit point = 30 hours of student work)	5
General workload (hours)	150 hours
Lectures	36 hours

Seminars	24 hours
Consultations	10 hours
Elements of student work	Number of hours
reading literature for classes	20
constant review of the press and other media	10
data collection	10
data analysis and interpretation	10
execution of assignments and homework	5
group work outside the classroom	10
preparation and defense of IRST	5
preparation and writing of MCW	10
total	80