

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE OF UKRAINE

Lesya Ukrainka Volyn National University

International Relations and Regional Studies Department

SYLLABUS

of the normative academic discipline

"POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY OF COUNTRIES AND REGIONS"

bachelor training

direction of knowledge 029 «International relations»

specialty 291 «International relations, public communications and regional studios»

educational-professional programme «International relations»

Syllabus is formed on the basis of educational and profesional program 2021, Standard of higher education of Ukraine for bachelors of specialty 291 «International relations, public communications and regional studios».

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Head of the department:



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SYLLABUS – COURSE CARD

COURSE NAME	Political geography of countries and regions
THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE	International Relations and Regional Studies Department. International Relations Faculty.
PERIOD OF THE COURSE REALIZATION	I semester of 2021-2022 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	4 (120 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.</p> <p>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 the study of political geography as the elementary and integral territorial-political systems in their interaction with each other and with geographical space.</p> <p>The task of course is the study of: features of political geography as an important academic discipline and the history of its development; the essence of the concepts "state territory", "capital" and "administrative-territorial division"; political borders and features of their functioning; stages of formation and the current state of the political map of the world; elections and their territorial features; the concept of "electoral system" and the concept of "party", the peculiarities of its functioning; analysis of the influence of various geographical</p>

factors on the strategic positions of states in the world; comprehensive political and geographical assessment of individual countries and regions of the world.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

COURSE IS DIVIDED INTO 8 ISSUES (CLASS TOPICS)

(All topics except the first one is studied during 2 lessons,
first topic – 1 lesson)

SUPPLEMENTARY LITERATURE

No.	Topic
1.	Political geography as a young scientific discipline
2.	State as the main object of political geography study
3.	The political geography of the World Ocean
4.	Political map of the world and periods of its formation
5.	Ethnic and political aspects of political geography
6.	Socio-economic aspects of political geography
7.	Geography of political parties and political movements
8.	Electoral geography

1. Булатова А. С. Світова економіка. К.: «Економіст», 2009. 217 с.
2. A Political Geography – Reading List for SE lectures Key Texts / J. Agnew J. Mitchell, K. and O’Tuathail. Oxford: Blackwell, 2003. 489 p.
3. Edkins M. Global Politics: A New Introduction. London, New York: Routledge, 2008. 369 p.
4. Jones M., Jones R. An Introduction to Political Geography : Space, Place and Politics. London: Routledge, 2004. 690 p.
5. O’Tuathail G., Dalby S. The Geopolitics Reader. London: Routledge, 2006. 589 p.
6. Painter J., Jeffrey A. Political Geography: An Introduction to Space and Power. London: Sage, 2009. 393 p.

MANDATORY LITERATURE

1. Геополітика: Підручник / А. І. Кудряченко, Ф. М. Рудич, В. О. Храмов. К.: МАУП, 2004. 296 с.
2. Гольцов А. Г. Геополітика та політична географія. Підручник. К.: Центр учбової літератури, 2012. 416 с.
3. Дністрянський М.С. Політична географія та геополітика України: Навчальний посібник. Тернопіль: Навчальна книга – Богдан, 2010. 344 с.
4. Політична географія і геополітика: навч. посібник / Б.П. Яценко, В.І. Стафійчук, Ю.С. Брайчевський та ін.; за ред. Б.П. Яценка. К.: Либідь, 2007. 255 с.
5. Стафійчук В. Політична географія світу: Навчальний посібник. Херсон : ОЛДІ-ПЛЮС, 2016. 306 с.

Effects of education

General competences	Effects	The corresponding criterion code
General competences	The ability to learn and master modern knowledge.	GC3
	Knowledge and understanding of the subject area and understanding of professional activity.	GC4
	The ability to apply knowledge in practical situations.	GC7
	The ability to abstract thinking, analysis and synthesis.	GC8
	The ability to communicate the national language both orally and in writing form.	GC10
	The ability to search, process and analyze information from various sources.	GC12
	The ability to analyze international processes in various contexts, including political, security, legal, economic, social, cultural and informational ones.	SC2
	Awareness of the national interests of Ukraine in the international arena.	SC8
	Special competences	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 in them to solve complex specialized tasks and problems.

	Effects	The corresponding criterion code
Learning outcomes	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.	LO01
	To know and understand the nature and dynamics of international security, to realize the peculiarities of its provision at the global, regional	LO02

	and national level, to know the nature and approaches to solving international and internationalized conflicts.	
	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.	LO04
	To know the nature and character of interactions of individual countries and regions at the global, regional and local levels.	LO06
	To research the problems of international relations, regional development, foreign policy, international communications using modern political, economic and legal theories and concepts, scientific methods and interdisciplinary approaches, present the results of research.	LO09
	To have the skills of self-determination in educational goals and learning, finding educational resources necessary for their achievement.	LO17

METHODS OF WORK AND WORKLOAD

ECTS credits points (1 ECTS credit point = 30 hours of student work)	4
General workload (hours)	120 hours
Lectures	30 hours
Seminars	24 hours
Consultations	8 hours
Elements of student work	Number of hours
reading literature for classes	10
constant review of the press and other media	5
data collection	5
data analysis and interpretation	5
execution of assignments and homework	8
group work outside the classroom	5
preparation and defense of IRST	10
preparation and writing of MCR	10
total	58