

## STUDY SUBJECTS' PROGRAMME

Subject code	Subject group	Credits	Subject certified	Subject certification valid until	Reg. No.
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<b>Course type (compulsory or optional)</b>	<b>compulsory</b>
<b>Course level (study cycle)</b>	<b>Master</b>
<b>Semester the course is delivered</b>	<b>spring</b>
<b>Study form (face-to-face or distant)</b>	<b>Face-to-face</b>

### **Title**

SAUGUMAS BALTIJOS JŪROS REGIONE

### **Title in English**

SECURITY IN THE BALTIC SEA REGION

### **Subject annotation in English**

The course is focused on security issues of Baltic Region stemming from its specific geography, contemporary history and Euro-Atlantic integration. Also, current political issues are examined along with the main tendencies, the most important events and influential personalities.

The course introduces traditional and modern geopolitical theories as instruments to evaluate the security environment in Baltic Sea region. The course provides an overview of historical geopolitical developments in the area, evaluates the post-Cold War situation, discusses the effects of European Union and NATO expansion into the region, presents Russian views towards Baltic Sea region and considers regional co-operation between Nordic and Baltic countries, including military, economic, environmental, ethnic and migration issues. The course aims at revealing regional similarities and differences among countries. Active student participation in discussions is strongly encouraged.

### **Necessary background knowledge for the study of the subject**

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### **Study outcomes**

After completing the course students will be able:

- Develop a historical understanding of security policy in the Baltic region and Europe.
- Analyse how changed attitudes both in the North Western peripheries and in the imperial metropolis influenced the security process.
- Develop a better understanding of the relationship between ideology, policy and social processes in the Baltic societies and Eastern Europe.
- Think critically and imaginatively about the subject matter.
- Identify and address key problems in the history of the Baltic region including the extent to which it was affected by modern ideologies, social change, revolution, warfare and displacement.
- Analyse the political, social, economic and cultural heritage of the Baltics with a view to understanding the particular nature of security policy change and development, demonstrate the comparative skills necessary for political analysis.
- Construct coherent and independent arguments of their own.
- Select and synthesise information from numerous secondary and some primary sources.

### **Subject contents**

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**Study hours**

Lectures 30 hours, seminars 15 hours, team work 15 hours, individual work 100 hours.

**Evaluation of study results**

Seminars 10 %, individual work 10 %, midterm 30 %, exam 50 %.

**Literature**

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