

COURSE DESCRIPTION (Group C)

Course code	Course group	Volume in ECTS credits	Course valid from	Course valid to	Reg. No.
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Course type (compulsory or optional)	Optional
Course level (study cycle)	Bachelor
Semester the course is delivered	Autumn / Spring
Study form (face-to-face or distant)	Face-to-face

Course title in Lithuanian

TARPTAUTINIS BENDRADARBIAVIMAS JUODOSIOS JŪROS REGIONE

Course title in English

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE BLACK SEA REGION

Short course annotation in English

The course is aimed to analyze the forms and goals of international cooperation in the Black Sea region. During the course the main strategies of national and non-Governmental actors will be studied and compared; basic problems and conflicting national interests of the states situated around the Black region will be analyzed as well as their power/abilities; the political initiatives of the European Union and the USA will be studied.

Prerequisites for entering the course

International relations and governance Students should have the basic knowledge of international relations.

Course aim

The course is aimed to provide with the knowledge and abilities to explain, analyze and compare the forms, strategies, functions and problems of international cooperation (of various actors) in the Black sea region.

Links between study programme outcomes, course outcomes and criteria of learning achievement evaluation

Study programme outcomes	Course outcomes	Criteria of learning achievement evaluation
Explain the historic, international context of developing countries and regions and predict their prospects for development	To know the main actors and their interests in the Black Sea region.	The main national and non-state actors named, described their interests and powers in the Black sea region.
	To describe the genesis and political frameworks of international organizations around the Black sea.	Description of international organizations active in the Black sea region (at least 2), their genesis, frameworks, goals.
	To explain the political initiatives of the European Union towards the Black sea region.	Explanation of the EU's political initiatives (at least 2), its' goals.
	To characterize the forms and aims of regional, bilateral, multilateral, subregional cooperation in the Black sea region.	The main features of regional, bilateral, multilateral, subregional cooperation specified.
	To compare the national strategies of states towards the Black sea region.	The similarities and differences between the national strategies of states towards Black sea region found.

Link between course outcomes and content

Course outcomes	Content (topics)
To know the main actors and their interests in the Black Sea region.	Formation and conception of the Black sea region: theoretical explanations; Russian politics and interests in the Black Sea region; Ukraine's and Moldova's interests and multilateral politics; South Caucasus countries: national interests of Armenia, Azerbaijan and

	Georgia. The role of Turkey in the Black sea region; Policy and interests of the USA in the Black sea region. EU's initiatives.
To describe the genesis and political frameworks of international organizations around the Black sea.	Genesis and strategies of international organizations and forums around the Black Sea; Black sea economic cooperation organization; GUUAM group, etc.
To explain the political initiatives of the European Union towards the Black sea region.	EU's interests and strategy towards Black sea region: energetic initiatives and projects (NABUCO); Black sea synergy.
To characterize the forms and aims of regional, bilateral, multilateral, subregional cooperation in the Black sea region.	Genesis and strategies of international organizations and forums around the Black Sea. EU's interests and strategy towards Black sea region. Role of non-governmental actors in the Black sea region: Black sea forum; euroregions and cross-border projects; regional sectoral cooperation (environment, energy, etc.).
To compare the national strategies of states towards the Black sea region	Russian politics and interests in the Black Sea region; Ukraine's and Moldova's interests and multilateral politics; South Caucasus countries: national interests of Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia. The role of Turkey in the Black sea region; Policy and interests of the USA in the Black sea region. EU's initiatives.

Study (teaching and learning) methods

Lecturing methods: description of information and knowledge in using various technologies: Power Point, commenting videos; practical event characterization and analysis; interactive discussions; oral consultations and by university intranet system; students' work in groups during lectures.

Studying methods: individual studying and looking for literature and information sources; documents analysis; writing of home works and essays, studying and home works in groups.

Methods of learning achievement assessment

Testing, students' active participation in discussions during lectures; making the presentation; doing home works and writing individual paper, which are evaluated according to the goals achievements, analytical and logical thinking, the amount and the quality of the used literature and creativity.

Distribution of workload for students (contact and independent work hours)

30 hours- lectures
15 hours- paper writing
15 hours- consultations
60 hours- students individual studying and home works.

Structure of cumulative score and value of its constituent parts

Mid-term exam- 25%, home works– 25%, final exam – 50%

Recommended reference materials

No.	Publication year	Authors of publication and title	Publishing house	Number of copies in		
				University library	Self-study rooms	Other libraries
Basic materials						
	1997	<u>Geopolitics in post-wall Europe : security, territory and identity / edited by Ola Tunander, Pavel Baev, Victoria Ingrid Einagel ; Internnatioanl peace research inst., Oslo (PRIO).</u>	London etc : Sage		1	
	2004	<u>Regions and powers :the structure of international security /Barry Buzan and Ole Wæver</u>	Cambridge : Cambridge University Press		1	
	2007	<u>Politics without sovereignty : a critique</u>	London : UCL		1	

		<i>of contemporary international relations / edited by Christopher Bickerton, Philip Cunliffe and Alexander Gourevitch</i>				
	2005	<i>Armenian-Turkish relations: what shall be done and what is awaiting us? ;New Europe and South Caucasus, perspectives of the New Neighborhood Policy ; Constitutional Amendments in South Caucasus, legal and Political Perspectives, materials of seminars, 2005, Yerevan, Armenia /[general editor Stepan Grigoryan].</i>	<i>Yerevan, Armenia</i>	2		
	2007	<i>Nepriklausomų Valstybių Sandraugos raidos tendencijos: integraciją skatinantys ir ribojantys veiksniai :[studija] /autoriai: Egidijus Motieka (studijos vadovas) ... [et al.] ; Strateginių studijų centras</i>	<i>Vilnius : [Vilniaus universiteto leidykla]</i>	1		
	2007	<i>International relations theory : a critical introduction / Weber, Cynthia</i>	<i>London, ; New York [N.Y.] : Routledge</i>		1	
	2006	<i>Tassinari Fabrizio: A synergy for Black sea regional cooperation: guidelines for the EU initiative</i>	<i>CEPS</i>	Free accession by internet		
Additional literature						
	2004	<i>Vickers, Michael. Pichvnari, 1998-2002 : Greeks and Colchians on the east coast of the Black Sea.</i>		1		

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