

The politics of small and middle-sized states in the international context

COURSE DESCRIPTION (Group C)

Course code	Course group	Volume in ECTS credits	Course valid from	Course valid to	Reg. No.
POL4007	C	5	2013 06 01	2016 06 01	

Course type (compulsory or optional)	Optional
Course level (study cycle)	Undergraduate
Semester the course is delivered	7
Study form (face-to-face or distant)	Face-to-face

Course title in Lithuanian

MAŽOS IR VIDUTINĖS VALSTYBĖS TARPTAUTINĖJE POLITIKOJE

Course title in English

THE POLITICS OF SMALL AND MIDDLE SIZED STATES IN THE INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT

Short course annotation in Lithuanian (up to 500 characters)

Bakalauro studijų dalykas skirtas studentams, siekiantiems įgyti žinių apie mažas ir vidutinio dydžio valstybes tarptautinėje sistemoje ir tarptautinių santykių teorijas, aiškinančias mažų ir vidutinių valstybių vaidmenis tarptautiniuose santykiuose. Studentai taip pat įgys gebėjimus savarankiškai atlikti mažų ir vidutinių valstybių užsienio politikos, pozicijų tarptautinėje sistemoje ir tarptautinėje ekonomijoje tyrimus, ugdys analitinius gebėjimus.

Short course annotation in English (up to 500 characters)

The course is for students who wish to increase their knowledge about small and middle sized states, their role in the international system, and international relations theories that explain this role. Students will develop capabilities to do the research of small and middle sized states in fields of foreign policy and international economy. Students also develop their analytical capabilities.

Prerequisites for entering the course

Introduction to International Relations

Course aim

The aim of the course is to provide undergraduate students with knowledge about small and middle sized countries, increase analytical capabilities to do the research on politics of small and middle sized countries in international relations.

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

Study programme outcomes	Course outcomes	Criteria of learning achievement evaluation
To explain political (national and international) processes in different countries, regions and globally, and predict the perspectives of their political development; To adapt political concepts, theories and governance models in political research and practice.	To define the concept of small and middle sized countries in international relations.	The definition of small and middle sized countries in international relations.
	To name the main theories analysing the role of small and middle sized countries in international relations and to describe their main features.	The main theories the role of small and middle sized countries in international relations named and their main features described.
	To explain the impact of international processes on small and middle sized countries.	The explanation of the impact of international processes on small and middle sized countries

	To analyse foreign policy of small and middle sized countries in different sectors.	The analysis of foreign policy of small and middle sized countries in different sectors.
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Link between course outcomes and content

Course outcomes	Content (topics)
1. To define the concept of small and middle sized countries in international relations.	1. The Concept of Small and Middle Sized Countries in International Relations.
2. To name the main theories analysing the role of small and middle sized countries in international relations and to describe their main features.	2. Small and Middle Sized Countries in Theories of International Relations. 3. Foreign Policy Analysis of Small and Middle Sized Countries'. 4. Small and Middle Sized Countries in International System 8. Importance of Soft Power for Small and Middle Sized Countries
3. To explain the impact of international processes on small and middle sized countries.	3. Foreign Policy Analysis of Small and Middle Sized Countries'. 4. Small and Middle Sized Countries in International System 5. Foreign Policy and Diplomacy of Small and Middle Sized Countries 6. Small and Middle Sized Countries in International Organizations 7. Security of Small and Middle Sized Countries 8. Importance of Soft Power for Small and Middle Sized Countries 9. Small and Middle Sized Countries in International Political Economy 10. Weak and Failed States in International Relations
4. To analyse foreign policy of small and middle sized countries in different sectors.	1. The Concept of Small and Middle Sized Countries in International Relations. 2. Small and Middle Sized Countries in Theories of International Relations. 3. Foreign Policy Analysis of Small and Middle Sized Countries'. 4. Small and Middle Sized Countries in International System 5. Foreign Policy and Diplomacy of Small and Middle Sized Countries 6. Small and Middle Sized Countries in International Organizations 7. Security of Small and Middle Sized Countries 8. Importance of Soft Power for Small and Middle Sized Countries 9. Small and Middle Sized Countries in International Political Economy 10. Weak and Failed States in International Relations

Study (teaching and learning) methods

Teaching methods: lectures, case analysis, discussions.

Learning methods: independent reading, essay writing, work in groups.

Methods of learning achievement assessment

Testing, evaluation of midterm essay, exam essay, papers and presentations.

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

Lectures – 45 hours.
Consultations – 5 hours.
Exams – 5 hours.
Group work – 35 hours.
Individual work – 45 hours.
Total: 120 hours.

Structure of cumulative score and value of its constituent parts

Midterm exam – 20%, paper – 30%, 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						
1.	1997	Buzan B. <i>Žmonės, valstybės ir baimė</i>	Eugrimas	11		
2	2009	Cooper, A., Shaw, T. <i>The diplomacies of small states: between vulnerability and resilience.</i>	Palgrave Macmillan		1	
3	1998	Gilpin R. <i>Tarptautinių santykių politinė ekonomija</i>	Algarvė	12		
4.	2006	Ingebritsen, Ch. <i>Small states in international relations.</i>	Reykjavik: University of Iceland Press		1	
5.	2004	Nye J. S. <i>Soft Power</i>	PublicAffairs		1	
Supplementary materials						
6.	2012	Goldstein, J., Pevehouse, J. <i>International Relations.</i>	Longman	1	1	
7.	1994	Halliday F. <i>Rethinking International Relations</i>	MacMillan	8		
8.	1993	Katzenstein P.J. <i>Small States in World Markets: Industrial Policy in Europe</i>	Cornell University Press	10		
9.	2004	Laurinavičius Č., Motieka E., Statkus N. <i>Geopolitiniai kodai: tyrimo metodologija</i>	Vilniaus universiteto leidykla	2		
10.	2011	Rana, K. <i>21st century diplomacy: a practitioner's guide.</i>	Continuum		1	

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