



UNIwersYTET

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## SUBJECT CARD

### 1. Basic information

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| Subject                            | Violence and Terror in International Relations                 |
| Faculty                            | Faculty of Law   |
| Field of study                     | International Relations  |
| Specialisation                     | International Business   |
| PQF level                          | 6 PQF  |
| Level of studies                   | first-cycle studies  |
| Form of studies                    | full-time studies  |
| Group of activities                | -----  |
| Number of ECTS credits             | 5  |
| Subject type                       | obligatory   |
| Total number of hours              | 30h  |
| Didactic cycle                     | 2023/2024 winter   |
| Academic semester                  | 6  |
| Academic year                      | 3  |
| Education profile                  | general academic   |
| Year of implementation             | 2025/2026  |
| Language of instruction            | English  |
| Person responsible for the subject | prof. dr hab. Jerzy Zdanowski (e-mail: jzdanowski@uafm.edu.pl) |

### Semester, number of ECTS credits, class type, number of hours

|          |            |
|----------|------------|
| Semester | Lecture    |
| 6        | 30h 5 ECTS |

## 2. Subject objectives

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| C1 | This course aims to present to the students the problem of using violence in international relations at theoretical and practical levels.<br>The purpose is to highlight the causes and consequences of political violence and its different forms in history and the age of globalization. The main questions addressed to the students will focus on terror from above or state terrorism and terror from below or dissident terrorism. The first form will be discussed in terms of the concept of national security, and the second one - in terms of an individual or group's attempts to shape alternative identities. |
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## 3. Prerequisites

- 1 Good command of English
- 2 General knowledge about international relations since 1945.

## 4. Learning content

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|----|---|----------------------|
| W1 | Knowledge: The course adopts an interdisciplinary approach to the history of international relations and proposes to examine the main issues of global developments in the 20th century.  | EUK6_W1              |
| U1 | Skills: The theoretical approach to the history of terrorism is combined with an analysis of the cases of its historical developments in Europe, America, Asia, and Africa. The idea of the course is to provide the students with a method of dealing with critical issues in international relations in the 20th century. | EUK6_U1              |
| K1 | Social competence: Graduates of this course will be prepared to examine the fundamental problem of contemporary international relations at both global and regional levels.   | EUK6_KS1<br>EUK6_KS2 |

## 5. Curriculum content

Lecture (30 h)

| Code | Topic blocks ( semester: 3)  |
|------|--|
| Wyk1 | Violence in international relations: definitions, forms, and types. 6 hours  |
| Wyk2 | International organizations and international conventions on violence (war, aggression, genocide, and violence against women). 6 h   |
| Wyk3 | The concept of national security and security risk. Threats to national security: terrorism, conflicts, cybersecurity, civil emergencies, energy security, organized crime, border security, and arms control. 6 h |
| Wyk4 | Terrorism in history: its forms and causes. 6 h  |
| Wyk5 | Governmental responses and strategies of counter-terrorism. International Anti-Terrorism Agreements. 6 h   |

## 6. Teaching methods

| Lecture |                         |
|---------|-------------------------|
| M17     | Multimedia presentation |
| M19     | Case study              |
| M20     | Lecture                 |

## 7. Student workload

| Form of student activity             | Student workload |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| Lecture                              | 30h              |
| Including the e-learning method:     | 0 h              |
| Student's own work                   |                  |
|                                      | 95h              |
| <b>Total workload</b>                |                  |
| Total number of hours for the course | 125 h            |
| Total number of ECTS credits         | 5 ECTS           |

## 8. Evaluation criteria

Course completion criteria:

Passing the mid-term test in the semester and passing the final oral exam based on questions formulated and discussed during the revision of the material in the last lecture.

| Lectures (Final exam / Final pass) |   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Grade 5:                           | A perfect answer to three of the three questions.                             |
| Grade 4,5:                         | A perfect answer to two of the three questions and suitable to the third one. |
| Grade 4:                           | A perfect answer to two of the three questions and suitable to the third one. |
| Grade 3,5:                         | A satisfactory answer to three of the three questions.                        |
| Grade 3:                           | A satisfactory answer to two of the three questions.                          |

## 9. Reading materials

### Course reading materials

1. Catrien Bijleveld — Conflicts and International Crimes: An Introduction to Research Methods, Den Haag, 2019, Eleven International Publishing [parts]
2. Charles Townshend — Terrorism. A Very Short Introduction, Oxford, 2018, Oxford University Press [parts]
3. D. Pisoju and S. Hain — Theories of Terrorism. An Introduction, London and New York, 2019, Routledge [parts]
4. Samuel Charap, Miranda Priebe, Avoiding a Long War U.S. Policy and the Trajectory of the Russia-Ukraine Conflict, RAND, 2023, <https://www.rand.org/pubs/perspectives/PEA2510-1.html>.

### Supplementary materials

1. S.E. Davies, J. True — The Oxford Handbook of Women, Peace, and Security, Oxford, 2019, Oxford University Press [parts]
2. International and Transnational Crime and Justice — M. Natarajan (red.) , Cambridge, 2019 [parts]

## 10. Information about academic teachers

### Lecturer(s)

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