

Information sheet for the course International Political Relations

University: <i>Alexander Dubcek University of Trencin</i>	
Faculty: <i>Department of Political Science</i>	
Course unit code: <i>PLTP5</i>	Course unit title: <i>International Political Relations</i>
Type of course unit: <i>compulsory</i>	
Planned types, learning activities and teaching methods: <i>Lecture: 2 hours weekly</i> <i>Seminar: 2 hours weekly</i>	
Number of credits: <i>6</i>	
Recommended semester: <i>autumn</i>	
Recommended year: <i>3</i>	
Degree of study: <i>I. (bachelor)</i>	
Assessment methods: <i>Students have to prepare a presentation and study recommended readings during the semester to receive credits. The course will be completed by oral exam.</i> <i>Marking of the course: A – at least 92 points, B – at least 83 points, C – at least 74 points, D at least 65 points, E – at least 56 points.</i>	
Learning outcomes of the course unit: <i>By completing the course, the student will be able to:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>distinguish individual stages of the development of international relations and be able to characterize them;</i> • <i>know and use basic concepts of international relations;</i> • <i>understand individual elements of current international political relations and be able to place them in a wider context;</i> • <i>recognize a liberal and realistic approach to international relations and their basic features, concepts and assumptions;</i> • <i>assess their usefulness for understanding specific cases in international relations;</i> • <i>communicate and present topics of international relations in English or Russian</i> 	
Course contents: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Introductory information about the content and organization of the subject and the conditions for its successful completion</i> 2. <i>Origins of international relations, basic theoretical concepts</i> 3. <i>Westphalian system, European concert,</i> 4. <i>The Versailles peace system and its destruction by Nazi Germany and the USSR,</i> 5. <i>The founding of the United Nations and the beginning of the Cold War, a liberal and realistic view of international relations</i> 6. <i>Containment of communism, Berlin and Cuban crisis</i> 7. <i>Détente and arms control</i> 8. <i>The end of the Cold War, the breakup of the Eastern Bloc</i> 9. <i>American unilateralism, Afghanistan and Iraq</i> 10. <i>The EU and the contradiction between economic and military power</i> 11. <i>The arrival of a multipolar world, the ambitions of China and Russia</i> 12. <i>International political relations on the threshold of the third decade of the 21st century</i> 	
Recommended or required reading: <i>DRULÁK, P. 2010. Teorie mezinárodních vztahů. Praha : Portál, 2010. 224 s. ISBN 9788073677213.</i> <i>KISSINGER, H. Umění diplomacie. Od Richelieua k pádu Berlínské zdi. Edice Obzor. Prostor, Praha 1996, 920 stran, ISBN 80-85190-51-6.</i> <i>MÉNISSIER, T. 2015. Machiavelliho Vladař. Praha : Oikoymenh, 2015 ISBN 978-80-7298-434-3.</i> <i>SNOW, D. M. 2014. Cases in International Relations: Principles and Applications. Pearson, 2014. 352 s.</i>	

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YOUNG, J. W. - KENT, J. 2013. *International relations since 1945. 2nd edition. Oxford : Oxford University Press, 2013. 792 s. ISBN 978-0-19-969306-1*