

Information sheet for the course

Political Geography

University: <i>Alexander Dubcek University of Trencin</i>	
Faculty: <i>Department of Political Science</i>	
Course unit code: <i>PLTP8</i>	Course unit title: <i>Political Geography</i>
Type of course unit: <i>compulsory</i>	
Planned types, learning activities and teaching methods: <i>Lecture: 1 hour weekly</i> <i>Seminar: 1 hour weekly</i>	
Number of credits: 3	
Recommended semester: <i>autumn</i>	
Recommended year: 2, 3	
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.</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>define the theoretical definitions of political geography and geopolitics, as well as distinguish their main representatives and their approaches to them;</i><i>orient oneself to the geographical regionalization and the political map of the world and use them in the analysis of international relations and world politics;</i><i>distinguish individual typologies of states and divide states into specific types.</i>	
Course contents: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><i>Introductory information about the content and organization of the subject and the conditions for its successful completion</i><i>Political geography – theoretical definitions, main representatives</i><i>The state, its attributes and the role of geographical factors in its formation and stability</i><i>The nation-state as the current model of the state and previous models of the state</i><i>Unitary and composite states and other typologies of states</i><i>Geographical regionalization of the world</i><i>Political map of the world, different approaches to it and its transformations</i><i>International community, international relations, armed conflicts</i><i>International law</i><i>Borders, their types and significance in political geography.</i><i>Geopolitics, main directions and schools of geopolitical thought</i><i>Final class, curriculum summary and course evaluation</i>	
Recommended or required reading: <i>AZUD, J. 2003. Medzinárodné právo. Bratislava : Veda, 2003. 456 s. ISBN: 978-80-224-0753-4.</i> <i>BUČEK, J. - PLEŠIVČÁK, M. - PRZYBYLA, V. 2017. Politická geografia – politické ideológie, demokracia a voľby. Bratislava : Univerzita Komenského v Bratislave, 2017. ISBN 978-80-223-4408-1.</i> <i>BRZEZINSKI, Z. Veľká šachovnica. Bratislava : IKAR, 2022. 264 strán. ISBN: 978-80-551-7845-5.</i> <i>DRULÁK, P. 2010. Teorie mezinárodních vztahů. 2. vyd. Praha : Portál, 2010. 224 s. ISBN 9788073677213.</i> <i>GURŇÁK, D. - BLAŽÍK, T. – LAUKO, V. 2007. Úvod do politickej geografie, geopolitiky a regionálnej geografie. Bratislava: Geo-grafika, 2007. ISBN 978-80-969338-8-4.</i> <i>IŠTOK, R. 2004. Politická geografia a geopolitika. 2. doplnené vydanie. Prešov : Prešovská univerzita, 2004. 392 strán. ISBN 80-8068-313-1.</i> <i>VIOTTI, P. R. - KNAUPPI, M. V. International relations theory. 5th Ed. New York : Longman, 2014. 496 strán. ISBN 978-1-29202-763-0.</i>	

