

COURSE UNIT (MODULE) DESCRIPTION

Course unit (module) title	Code
History of International Relations	TAPO2116

Lecturer(s)	Department(s) where the course unit (module) is delivered
Coordinator: Dr. Deividas Šlekys	Institute of International Relations and Political Science

Study cycle	Type of the course unit (module)
First cycle	Compulsory

Mode of delivery	Period when the course unit (module) is delivered	Language(s) of instruction
Lectures, seminars, self study	4 semester	Lithuanian

Requirements for students	
Prerequisites: None	Additional requirements (if any): None

Course (module) volume in credits	Total student's workload	Contact hours	Self-study hours
4	110	64	46

Purpose of the course unit (module): programme competences to be developed		
<p>The purpose of this course is to provide students with advanced knowledge of the main concepts and stages of the history of international relations as well as increase their capacities to independently analyze the developments of the international system from Ancient Greece to Post-Cold War era, analyze the genesis of the international European states system, transformation of it into the global international system, etc.</p> <p>This course will develop student's capabilities to learn, ability to communicate orally and in writing, ability to coherently link insights from disciplines of history and political science. Additionally, this course will develop the following subject specific competencies: understanding of a key features of past and present international systems, knowledge of the scientific research methods that are based on a historical analysis (such as process tracing and counter-factual analysis), ability to explain contemporary international processes using these methods and knowledge of historical development of the international system.</p>		
Learning outcomes of the course unit (module)	Teaching and learning methods	Assessment methods
Will be able to identify theories of international relations and to explain the main stages of the history of international relations	Face-to-face lectures, seminars, discussions	Assessment of the quality of work during seminars
Will be able to collect necessary information independently and to present findings in an analytical way.	Independent reading , research methods (texts analysis, preparation for essay)	Assessment of research paper
Will be able to interpret contemporary international processes using the scientific research methods and knowledge of historical development of the international system	Group work, exam	Assessment of Institutional engineering project, assessment of exam

Content: breakdown of the topics	Contact hours	Self-study work: time and assignments
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	Lectures	Tutorials	Seminars	Contact hours	Self-study hours	Assignments
1. Definition of history. The lessons of the Peloponnesian War	2		2	4	2	Assigned readings: W. Murray et. Al. (eds.), The Making of Strategy: Rulers, States, and War. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1994, p. 24-55; Thucydides, The Peloponnesian War. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009, p. 74-89.
2. The interaction of history and political sciences. Process tracing method. The emergence of republic of Rome	2		2	4	2	Assigned readings: W. Murray, et. Al. (eds.), The Making of Strategy: Rulers, States, and War. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1994, p. 56-84. Tit Livije, Hanibalo karas [Hannibal's War]. Vilnius: Vaga, 1976, p. 101-118, 125-142.
3. Sources of the international system and social power in the distant past. The Great Strategy of the Byzantine Empire	2		2	4	2	Assigned readings: K. Hamilton, R. Langhorne (eds.), The Practice of Diplomacy: Its Evolution, Theory and Administration. London, New York: Routledge, 1995, p. 14-20. P. Stephenson, Byzantium's Balkan Frontier: A Political Study of the Northern Balkans, 900-1204. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2000, p. 18-46.
4. International relations and politics in the Antique. The search for China's balanced strategy	2		2	4	2	Assigned readings: A. Waldron, Chinese Strategy from Fourteenth to the Seventeenth Centuries // W. Murray, et. al. (eds.), The Making of Strategy: Rulers, States, and War. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1994, p. 85-114. P. C. Perdue, Culture, History, and Imperial Chinese Strategy: Legacies, of the Qing Conquest // Hans van de Ven (ed.), Warfare in Chinese History, Leiden, Boston: Brill, 2000 m., p. 252-286.
5. International system in the middle-ages. Mercenaries in Renaissance Italy. The birth of modern diplomacy in Renaissance Italy	2		2	4	2	Assigned readings: N. Machiavelli, Selected Writings. Vilnius: Mintis, 1992, p. 51-58; 262-271. M. Mallett, Mercenaries and Their Masters: Warfare in Renaissance Italy. London: Bodley Head, 1974 , p. 76-106; 231-256.

						Assigned readings: G. Mattingly Renaissance Diplomacy. New York: Dover Publications, 1988, p. 47-60, 71-86. M. S. Anderson, The Rise of Modern Diplomacy 1450-1919. London: Longman 1993 m., p. 1-21. M. Mallett, The Northern Italian States // Ch. Allamond (ed.), The New Cambridge Medieval History, Vol. 7. Cambridge, New York: Cambridge University Press, 2006, p. 547-570.
6. Western international system in 1453-1648. The formation of Europe's international system in the early modern times (Military revolutions and geopolitical interpretations)	2		2	4	2	Assigned readings: M. Roberts, The Military Revolution, 1560-1660 // C. J. Rogers (ed.), The Military Revolution Debate: Readings on the Military Transformation of Early Modern Europe. Boulder: Westview Press, 1995, p. 13-29. J. Black, A Military Revolution? A 1660-1792 Perspective // C. J. Rogers (ed.), The Military Revolution Debate: Readings on the Military Transformation of Early Modern Europe. Boulder: Westview Press, 1995, p. 95-111. W. Murray, et. al. (eds.), The Making of Strategy: Rulers, States, and War. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1994, p. 115-150.
7. The formation of Europe's international system in the early modern times (the importance of climate change and cultural factors)	2		2	4	2	Assigned readings: G. Parker, Crisis and Catastrophe: The Global Crisis of the Seventeenth Century Reconsidered // American Historical Review, 2008, Vol. 113, Issue 4, p. 1053-1079. W. Murray, et. Al. (eds.), The Making of Strategy: Rulers, States, and War. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1994, p. 178-204. J. Black, Frontiers and Military History // Journal of Military History, 2008, Vol. 72, Issue 4, p. 1047-1059.
8. The formation and consolidation of Westphalian system, 1648-1763. The importance of non-state actors (mercenaries, pirates, etc.) and the question of sovereignty	2		2	4	2	Assigned readings: J. E. Thomson, Samdiniai, piratai ir suverenai: valstybės kūrimasis ir eksteritorinė prievarta ankstyvojoje moderniojoje Europoje [Mercenaries, Pirates and Sovereigns: the Formation of State and Exteritorial Coercion in the Early Modernity]. Vilnius:

						Homo liber, 2006 , p. 11–53. D. Parrott, The Business of War: Military Enterprise and Military Revolution in Early Modern Europe. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012, p. 307-327.
9. The development of European and World system 1763-1815. Discussion on the interpretation of power balance: the divides of the Republic of Two Nations	2		2	4	2	Assigned readings: H.M. Scott, The Emergence of the Eastern Powers, 1756-1775. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2001, p. 187-224. R. Šmigelskytė-Stukienė (ed.), Lenkijos – Lietuvos valstybės padalijimų dokumentai. I dalis, Sankt Peterburgo konvencijos [The Documents of Polish-Lithuanian State Divides. First Part, Saint-Petersburg Conventions]. Vilnius: Versus Aureus, 2008, p. 129-134, 154-156, 162-165. P. W. Schroeder, The Transformation of European Politics, 1763-1848. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1996 m., p. 5-11.
10. European concerts, 1815 – 1890. The reasons of European concerts' longevity	2		2	4	2	Assigned readings: P. W. Schroeder, The Transformation of European Politics, 1763-1848. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1996, p. 517-582.
11. The competition of great powers and World War I I. The reasons for World War I	2		2	4	2	Assigned readings: R. N. Lebow, Forbidden Fruit: Counterfactuals and International Relations. Princeton [N.J.]: Princeton University Press, 2010, p. 69-99. H. J. Mackinder, The Geographical Pivot of History // The Geographical Journal, Vol. 23, No. 4, 1904, p. 421-437. E. Crowe, 4 memorandum on the Present State of British Relations with France and Germany. Foreign Office, January 1, 1907 // G. P. Gooch, H. Temperley (eds.), British Documents on the Origins of the War. Vol. III, The Testing of the Entente 1904—6. London: Printed and Published by His Majesty's Stationery Office, 1928, p. 398-420.
12. The reload of international system. Appeasement strategy dilemmas	2		2	4	2	Assigned readings: Cato, Guilty Men. London: Victor Gollancz Ltd, 1940, p. 43-65. W. Churchill, The Gathering Storm. New York: Rosetta Books,

						2002, p. 353-379. P. M. Kennedy, Strategy and Diplomacy, 1870-1945: Eight Studies. London: Fontana Press, 1989, p. 13-39.
13. The Beginning of Cold War 1942-1962. Coercive diplomacy	2		2	4	2	Assigned readings: G. A. Craig, A. L. George, Force and Statecraft: Diplomatic Problems of Our Time. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007, p.198-219. A. Iriye, Power and Culture: The Japanese-American War 1941-1945. Cambridge, London: Harvard University Press, 1981, p. 1-35.
14. The midst of Cold War, 1962-198. Russia's foreign policy traditions	2		2	4	2	Assigned readings: R. Legvold (ed.), Russian Foreign Policy in the Twenty-first Century and the Shadow of the Past // New York: Columbia University Press, 2007, p. 77-133.
15. The end of Cold War and USA hegemony, 1981-2000. USA foreign policy traditions	2		2	4	2	Assigned readings: H. Kissinger, Diplomatiija [Diplomacy]. Vilnius: Pradai, 2003, p. 24-48. W. R. Mead, Special Providence: American Foreign Policy and How it Changed the World. New York, London: Routledge, 2002, p. 77-98.
Essay		4		4	10	Preparation of essay
Exam					6	Preparation for the exam
Total:	30	4	30	64	46	

Assessment strategy	Weight	Deadline	Assessment criteria
Evaluation of work during the seminars	30%	Throughout the semester	Active participation in seminars (5%), concise and relevant comments (15%), knowledge and ability to refer to assigned academic literature (10%).
Exam	25%	End of semester	Comprehensiveness of the answers (15 %) Ability to base the answers on the academic literature that was provided throughout the course (10%).
Evaluation of a research paper	45%	End of semester	Structure, logic proper referencing of the paper (5 %), Ability to refer to academic literature (5 %), Ability to employ policy analysis methods discussed throughout the course (15 %), Depth of analysis (10 %), Ability to present the results of analysis in an appropriate coherent form (10 %).

Author	Year of publication	Title	Issue of a periodical or volume of a publication	Publishing place and house or web link
Compulsory reading				
W. Murray et. al. (eds.)	1994	<i>The Making of Strategy: Rulers, States and War</i>		Cambridge: Cambridge University Press

Tukididas [Thucydides]	2009	<i>The Peloponnesian War</i>		Oxford: Oxford University Press
Titas Livijus [Tit Livije]	1976	<i>Hanibalo karas [Hannibal's War]</i>		Vilnius: "Vaga"
K. Hamilton, R. Langhorne (eds.)	1995	<i>The Practice of Diplomacy: Its Evolution, Theory and Administration</i>		London, New York: Routledge
P. Stephenson	2000	<i>Byzantium's Balkan Frontier: A Political Study of the Northern Balkans, 900-1204</i>		Cambridge: Cambridge University Press
Hans van de Ven (ed.)	2000	<i>Warfare in Chinese History</i>		Leiden, Boston: Brill
N. Makiavelis [N. Machiavelli]	1992	<i>Rinkiniai raštai [Selected Writings]</i>		Vilnius: Mintis
M. Mallett	1974	<i>Mercenaries and Their Masters: Warfare in Renaissance Italy</i>		London: Bodley Head
G. Mattingly	1988	<i>Renaissance Diplomacy</i>		New York: Dover Publications
M. S. Anderson	1993	<i>The Rise of Modern Diplomacy 1450-1919</i>		London: Longman
Ch. Allamond (ed.)	2006	<i>The New Cambridge Medieval History</i>		New York: Cambridge University Press
C. J. Rogers (ed.)	1995	<i>The Military Revolution Debate: Readings on the Military Transformation of Early Modern Europe</i>		Boulder: Westview Press
J. Black	2008	<i>Frontiers and Military History</i>	Vol. 72, Issue 4	Journal of Military History
J. E. Thomson	2006	<i>Samdiniai, piratai ir suverenai: valstybės kūrimasis ir eksteritorinė prievarta ankstyvojoje moderniojoje Europoje [Mercenaries, Pirates and Sovereigns: the Formation of State and Exteritorial Coercion in the Early Modernity]</i>		Vilnius: Homo liber
D. Parrott	2012	<i>The Business of War: Military Enterprise and Military Revolution in Early Modern Europe</i>		Cambridge: Cambridge University Press
H.M. Scott	2001	<i>The Emergence of the Eastern Powers, 1756-1775</i>		Cambridge: Cambridge University Press
R. Šmigelskytė-Stukienė (ed.)	2008	<i>Lenkijos - Lietuvos valstybės padalijimų dokumentai. I dalis, Sankt Peterburgo konvencijos [The Documents of Polish-Lithuanian State Divides. First Part, Saint-Petersburg Conventions]</i>		Vilnius: Versus Aureus
P W. Schroeder	1996	<i>The Transformation of European Politics, 1763-1848</i>		Oxford: Clarendon press
R. N. Lebow	2010	<i>Forbidden Fruit: Counterfactuals and International Relations</i>		Princeton [N.J.]: Princeton University Press
H. J. Mackinder	1904	<i>The Geographical Pivot of History</i>	Vol. 23, No. 4	The Geographical Journal
G. P. Gooch, H. Temperley (eds.)	1928	<i>British Documents on the</i>		London: Printed and Published

		<i>Origins of the War. Vol. III, The Testing of the Entente 1904—6</i>		by His Majesty's Stationery Office
Cato	1940	<i>Guilty Men</i>		London: Victor Gollancz Ltd
W. Churchill	2002	<i>The Gathering Storm</i>		New York: Rosetta Books
P. M. Kennedy	1989	<i>Strategy and Diplomacy, 1870-1945: Eight Studies</i>		London: Fontana Press
G. A. Craig, A. L. George	2007	<i>Force and Statecraft: Diplomatic Problems of Our Time</i>		Oxford: Oxford University Press
A. Iriye	1981	<i>Power and Culture: The Japanese-American War 1941-1945</i>		Cambridge, London: Harvard University Press
R. Legvold (ed.)	2007	<i>Russian Foreign Policy in the Twenty-first Century and the Shadow of the Past</i>		New York: Columbia University Press
H. Kissinger	2003	<i>Diplomatija [Diplomacy]</i>		Vilnius: Pradai
W. R. Mead	2002	<i>Special Providence: American Foreign Policy and How it Changed the World</i>		New York, London: Routledge
Optional reading				
<i>N. N. Taleb</i>	2007	<i>The Black Swan</i>		<i>New York: Random House</i>
<i>D. Kagan</i>	2005	<i>The Peloponnesian War</i>		<i>Harper Collins Publisher: London</i>
<i>K. Hamilton, R. Langhorne (eds.)</i>	1995	<i>The practice of diplomacy: its evolution, theory and administration</i>		<i>London, New York: Routledge</i>