

Appendix No 1 Course unit descriptions



COURSE UNIT DESCRIPTION

Course unit title	Code
Polish Studies	-

Lecturer(s)	Department, Faculty
Coordinating: Marijuš Antonovič Other: 2-3 guest lecturers	Vilnius University's Institute of International Relations and Political Science

Study cycle	Type of the course unit
Second Cycle	Eligible, non-obligatory course

Mode of delivery	Semester or period when it is delivered	Language of instruction
Lectures and Seminars	Autumn (September-December)	English

Requisites	
Prerequisites: General acquaintance with the basic theories and methods of social science; a sufficient level of English (at least C1)	Co-requisites (if relevant): -

Number of ECTS credits allocated	Student's workload (total)	Contact hours	Individual work
5	130	32	98

Purpose of the course unit: programme competences to be developed
The main purpose of the course is to provide the students with the essential knowledge necessary to comprehend Poland's domestic politics, foreign policy, economics and societal developments and to present them with the theoretical, methodological and conceptual tools necessary to analyse it.

Learning outcomes of the course unit	Teaching and learning methods	Assessment methods
The general knowledge of facts and trends in Poland's domestic politics, foreign policy, economy and society.	Lectures, seminars, reading of the required literature for the seminars.	Discussion after lectures and during seminars about the lecture's/seminar's topic. Preparation of a reaction paper as a form of the final exam for the course.
An understanding of the main debates and discussions taking place among Polish elites and society about Poland's history, foreign policy, economic transformation, memory, identity and the ability to critically engage them.	Lectures, seminars, reading of the required literature for the seminars, course essay and final exam.	Discussion after lectures and during seminars about the lecture's/seminar's topic. Preparation of the course essay. Preparation of a reaction paper as a form of the final exam for the course.
The ability to analyse trends and changes taking place in Poland's domestic politics, foreign policy, economy, society, institutions.	Lectures, seminars, reading of the required literature for the seminars, course essay and final exam.	Discussion after lectures and during seminars about the lecture's/seminar's topic. Preparation of the course essay.

		Preparation of a reaction paper as a form of the final exam for the course.
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Course content: breakdown of the topics	Contact hours							Individual work: time and assignments	
	Lectures	Tutorials	Seminars	Workshops	Laboratory work	Internship/work placement	Contact hours, total	Individual work	Assignments
1. Lecture: Introduction of the course + Poland's history until 1918	2						2	4	Reading of the required literature
2. Lecture: Poland's history from 1918 to 2020	2						2	4	Reading of the required literature
3. Lecture: Poland's foreign policy after 1989	2						2	4	Reading of the required literature
4. Seminar: Poland's "Western" foreign policy			2				2	4	Reading of the required literature
5. Seminar: Poland's "Eastern" foreign policy			2				2	4	Reading of the required literature
6. Lecture: Poland's domestic political scene after 1989.	2						2	4	Reading of the required literature
7. Seminar: Poland's domestic politics and its main conflicts			2				2	4	Reading of the required literature
8. Lecture: Poland's economic transformation (guest lecturer)	2						2	4	Reading of the required literature
9. Seminar: Poland's economic transformation – winners and losers, debates about alternatives.			2				2	4	Reading of the required literature
10. Lecture: Poland memory debates and conflicts (guest lecturer)	2						2	4	Reading of the required literature
11. Seminar: Polish internal and external memory discussions and clashes			2				2	4	Reading of the required literature
12. Lecture: Religion and Church State Relations in Poland	2						2	4	Reading of the required literature
13. Seminar: the role of religion in Polish identity and alternatives to it.			2				2	4	Reading of the required literature
14. Lecture: Migration in/out of Poland and Polish diaspora abroad (guest lecturer)	2						2	4	Reading of the required literature
15. Seminar: Poland's migration and diaspora policies			2				2	4	Reading of the required literature
16. Visit to the embassy of the Republic of Poland in Lithuania				2			2	0	None, extra time given to prepare the course essay and revise for the exam.
17. Writing of the course essay								20	Performing all of the tasks necessary for the essay: reading, research, writing.
18. Writing of the reaction paper								18	Performing all of the tasks necessary for the paper: reading, research, writing.
Total	16		14	2			32	98	

Assessment strategy	Weight %	Deadline	Assessment criteria
Participation at lectures and in seminars	25	TBC	Students are graded according to their active and constructive participation in seminars and during lectures
Course Essay	35	TBC	Students have to select a research question related to the course's topics that they will have to analyse in a 4000-word essay. A month before submitting the essay, students will be required to send an abstract, outline and the bibliography of their essay.
Reaction paper	40	TBC	As a final examination, students will be given a text taken from the media or prepared by the course instructor, that will present a recent event from Poland. Based on the course material and additional research the students will have to critically discuss the information presented in a 1500-word long reaction paper. Student will be given 72h to complete the task.

Author	Publishing year	Title	Issue of a periodical or volume of a publication; pages	Publishing house or internet site
Required reading				
Norman Davies	2005	God's Playground: A History of Poland	Volumes I, II	Oxford University Press
Justyna Zając	2016	Poland's Security Policy: the West, Russia and the Changing International Order	-	Palgrave Macmillan
Frances Millard	2009	Poland: Parties without a Party System, 1991-2008	Volume 37, Issue 4	<i>Politics and Policy</i> (Journal)
Alain de Crommghé, David Lipton	1994	The Government Budget and the Economic Transformation of Poland	Olivier Jean Blanchard, Kenneth A. Froot and Jeffery D. Sachs (eds.), <i>The Transition in Eastern Europe. Volume II: Restructuring.</i>	The University of Chicago Press
Ewa Ochman	2013	Post-Communist Poland – Contested Pasts and Future Identities	-	Routledge
Kate Korycki	2017	Memory, Party Politics, and Post-Transition Space: The Case of Poland	Volume 31, Issue 3	<i>East European Politics and Societies</i> (Journal)
Sabrina P. Ramet	2006	They will be done: the Catholic Church and politics in Poland since 1989	Timothy A. Byrnes, Peter J. Katzenstein (eds.), <i>Religion in an Expanding Europe</i>	Cambridge University Press
Anne White	2010	Young people and migration from contemporary Poland	Volume 13, Issue 5	<i>Journal of Youth Studies</i> (Journal)
Agata Górny	2017	All circular but different: Variation in patterns of Ukraine-to-Poland migration	Volume 23, Issue 8	<i>Population, Space and Place</i> (Journal)
Z. Anthony Kruszewski	1996	The Revival of the Polish Diaspora in Lithuania, Belarus,	Volume 41, Nr. 3.	<i>The Polish Review</i> (Journal)

		Ukraine.		
Anna Kicinger	2008	Beyond the Focus on Europeanisation: Polish Migration Policy 1989-2004	Volume 35, Issue 1	<i>Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies</i> (Journal)
Recommended reading				
Bartłomiej Błesznowski, Marcin Król, Adam Puchejda (eds.)	2015	Genealogy of Contemporaneity. A History of Ideas in Poland, 1815-1939.	-	University of Warsaw, Institute for Human Sciences, Vienna.
Mathias Roth	2011	Poland as a Policy Entrepreneur in European External Energy Policy: Towards Greater Energy Solidarity vis-à-vis Russia?	Volume 16, Issue 3	<i>Geopolitics</i> (Journal)
Ela Rossmiller	2018	Poland: Security and Foreign Policy Priorities	VIII CEE Area Studies Brief	Centre for European Policy Analysis, Washington
Jacek Kucharczyk, Jarosław Zbieranek (eds.)	2010	Democracy in Poland 1989-2009: challenges for the future	-	Institute of Public Affairs
Ben Slay	1994	The Polish Economy: Crisis, Reform and Transformation	-	Princeton University Press
Agata Gostyńska, Paweł Tokarski, Patryk Toporowski, Damian Wnukowski (eds.)	2014	Eurozone Enlargement in Times of Crisis: Challenges for the V4 countries	-	The Polish Institute of International Affairs, Warsaw.
Ewa Wolentarska - Ochman	2006	Collective Remembrance in Jedwabne: Unsettled Memory of World War II in Postcommunist Poland	Volume 18, Nr. 1	<i>History and Memory</i> (Journal)
Madalena Meyer Resende	2014	Catholicism and Nationalism. Changing nature of party politics.	-	Routledge
Krystyna Iglicka	1998	Are They Fellow Countrymen or Not? The Migration of Ethnic Poles from Kazakhstan to Poland	Volume 32, Issue 4	<i>International Migration Review</i> (Journal)
Anne White	2013	Double Return Migration: Failed Returns to Poland Leading to Settlement Abroad and New Transnational Strategies	Volume 52, Issue 6	<i>International Migration</i> (Journal)
Jennifer Brown	2011	Expressions of diasporic belonging: The divergent emotional Britain's Polish communities	Volume 4, Issue 4	<i>Emotion, Space and Society</i> (Journal)

Kerstin Jacobsson, Elzbieta Korolczuk	2017	Civil Society Revisited: Lessons from Poland	Volume 1	Berghahn Books
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