



GENERAL INFORMATION

Data of the subject	
Subject name	Geopolitics
Subject code	E000006136
Main program	Bachelor's Degree in International Relations
Credits	4,5 ECTS
Type	Optativa (Grado)
Department	Departamento de Relaciones Internacionales
Course overview	Introduction to the main factors -- natural, economic, geographical, and cultural -- that shape the relations among actors in the international system

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DESCRIPTION OF THE SUBJECT

Contextualization of the subject
Prerequisites
There are no formal previous requirements for this class

Course contents

Contents
BLOCK 1: Introduction to Geopolitics
Theme 1: Geopolitics: What is it? What is it for?
Theme 2: The historical evolution of the study of Geopolitics
Theme 3: Brief intellectual history of Geopolitics: The Three Ages of Geopolitics
Theme 4: Geopolitical Codes and Geopolitical Agents
BLOCK 2: Geopolitics during the Cold War



Theme 1: Visualizing time and space: the study and use of maps

Theme 2: Land and Sea: Traditional frameworks and the study of the physical factors of power

Theme 3: Air and Space: the Cold War and the East/West Confrontation

Theme 4: The Collapse of the USSR, the end of the Cold War and the Rise of Critical Geopolitics

BLOCK 3: The New International Order

Theme 1: Geopolitics after the Cold War: End of History or Clash of Civilizations

Theme 2: Geopolitics and Global Governance: Globalization, transnationalism and diffusion of power

Theme 3: Geopolitics and Popular Culture: films and propaganda

BLOCK 4: Contemporary Geopolitics

Theme 1: The New Global Architecture: toward a zero-polar world?

Theme 2: States and territories: The challenge of migration

Theme 3: The return of identity in the geopolitical discourse

Theme 4: Conclusion: The Future of Geopolitics in a world of uncertainty

EVALUATION AND CRITERIA

Evaluation activities	Evaluation criteria	Weight
Final exam at the end of the class	Knowledge of contents; Capacity to relate the contents Clarity and capacity to synthesize	50 %
Active participation in class	Participation in class Attendance Attitude in class	15 %
Individual or group presentations (15 minutes)	Knowledge of contents Capacity to relate concepts	15 %



	Clarity and capacity to synthesize	
Essay (Take home exam)	Submitting on time Following instructions Originality Analytical capacity	20 %

Grading

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BIBLIOGRAPHY AND RESOURCES

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