

COURSE SYLLABUS

1. Information about the study program

1.1 University	Babeş-Bolyai University
1.2 Faculty	Faculty of History and Philosophy
1.3 Department	International Studies and Contemporary History
1.4 Field of study	Security Studies
1.5 Study cycle (BA/MA)	BA
1.6 Study program/Qualification	Security Studies

2. Information about the subject

2.1 Course title	Introduction to geopolitics							
2.2 Course tutor								
2.3 Seminar tutor								
2.4 Year of study	2	2.5 Semester	3	2.6 Type of assessment	E	2.7 Course status	Contents	
							Mandatory	DS

3. Total estimated time (teaching hours per semester)

3.1 Number of hours per week	4	of which: 3.2 course	2	3.3 seminar/laboratory	2
3.4 Total number of hours in the curriculum	56	of which: 3.5 course	28	3.6 seminar/laboratory	28
Time distribution					Hours
Study based on textbook/course manual/recommended reading/personal notes					20
Additional research in the library, by accessing scientific databases, or during field work					21
Preparation for seminars/laboratory classes, essays, portfolios and reports					20
Tutoring					4
Assessment (examinations)					4
Other activities					
3.7 Total hours for individual study		69			
3.8 Total hours per semester		125			
3.9 Number of credits		5			

4. Prerequisites (if necessary)

4.1 Curriculum	Not the case
4.2 Skills	Not the case

5. Conditions (if necessary)

5.1. For delivering lectures	• -
5.2. For teaching seminars/laboratory classes	• -

6. Acquired specific competences

Professional competences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applying the foundations of social and political theories in understanding, analysing and evaluating socio-political organization - Elaboration of professional projects using established principles and methods in the field - Knowledge and understanding of the basic concepts, theories and methods of the field and area of specialization; their appropriate use in professional communication - Using basic knowledge to explain and interpret various types of concepts, situations, processes, projects, etc. associated with the field
Transversal competences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management of information specific to solving complex tasks in context (receiving, transmitting, processing, storing information in profile documents), including using an advanced level of an international language and an intermediate or advanced level of a second foreign language • Application of effective work techniques in multidisciplinary teams corresponding to various hierarchical levels

7. Course objectives (derived from the specific competences acquired)

7.1 General objective of course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding how space (territory) influences the strategic behaviour of state and non-state actors and their competition for resources, how politics has been and is informed by geography by those who define themselves using the appellation of geopoliticians. • The course critically analyses the use and abuse of geopolitical terminology to justify and/or hide power relations between nations, but also between other supranational, international or transnational entities. Both the alleged objective perspectives and the social representations of the political-geographic spaces and the human communities that populate them are analysed.
7.2 Specific objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the presentation of relevant schools of political geography, geopolitics and geostrategy; - the formation of the skills necessary for the geopolitician: the development of the mental map, in accordance with the realities of political and human geography; the ability to understand the power games that characterize world politics; knowledge of structural, formal, practical and popular geopolitics; understanding the relationships between geopolitics, geostrategy and geoeconomics; - Geopolitical analysis of regions of interest (regional geopolitics); - Students' understanding of developments in the contemporary international security environment from a geopolitical perspective; - the development of a geopolitical research method, applied to national and regional case studies.

8. Contents

8.1 Lectures	Teaching methods	Remarks
1. Introductory lecture: The limits of geopolitical analysis in geopolitics; interpretations of geopolitical maps; geopolitical variables; the relationship between political geography-geopolitics-geostrategy	Presentation/debate	
The german geopolitical school	Presentation/debate	
The anglo-saxon geopolitical school(Mahan, Mackinder, Spykman)	Presentation/debate	
French geopolitical school (Reclus, De la Blache, Ancel)	Presentation/debate	

Theories and geopolitical projects in the first half of the 20th Century ;beyond imperialisms. Axis, soviets and the emergence of the US as a global actor	Presentation/debate	
States and the world systems in geopolitical perspectives	Presentation/debate	
Geopolitical visions during the Cold War	Presentation/debate	
Critical geopolitics	Presentation/debate	
Geo-economy. Resources and markets in strategic and geopolitical thinking	Presentation/debate	
Geo-culture. Identity and cultural variables	Presentation/debate	
Frontiers in the geopolitical thinking	Presentation/debate	
The geopolitics of the European integration	Presentation/debate	
The geopolitical perspectives in contemporary Russia. Eurasiansim	Presentation/debate	
The future of geopolitics	Presentation/debate	
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8.2 Seminars	Teaching methods	Remarks
Methodology of geopolitics: maps, statistics and politics	debate/analysis	
Research design in geopolitical analysis: the geopolitical codes	debate/analysis	
The end of imperialisms and the emergence of the geopolitical vision of the world	debate/analysis	
State geopolitics: variables of analysis	debate/analysis	
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Constitutions and constitutional systems	debate/analysis	
Cold War geopolitics: containment policy	debate/analysis	
Frontiers and borders in geopolitical thinking	debate/analysis	
Identity and geopolitical crises	debate/analysis	
US geopolitics into practice: case studies	debate/analysis	
Geopolitical dynamics in the space of the former Soviet Union	debate/analysis	
Euro-atlantic integration: geopolitics of NATO and the EU	debate/analysis	
Geopolitics of oil and gas	debate/analysis	
Virtual spaces and geopolitics	debate/analysis	
Geopolitics and the shape of the future world order(s)	Debate/analysis	
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9. Validating course contents based on the expectations of epistemic communities, professional associations and of potential employers related to the field of study.

- The discipline was developed in accordance with the works in the field, published in the country and abroad;
- Some of the topics in the course include relevant issues that are the subject of concern of relevant institutions or international scientific conferences, including debates in international journals.

10. Assessment (examination)

Type of activity	10.1 Assessment criteria	10.2 Assessment methods	10.3 Weight in the final grade
10.4 Lecture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • - knowledge of the most important geopolitical theories and projects; • - knowledge of the geopolitical evolution of the relevant actors of the international system; • - the ability to use the methods of geopolitics and analyze and interpret the evolution of international politics based on the foundations of this discipline. 	Written Exam	4.5
10.5 Seminar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • - the capacity for geopolitical analysis and synthesis; • - the ability to correctly interpret geopolitical and strategic maps; • - the ability to communicate/present the analyzed information in a professional manner; • - the ability to interpret the geopolitical codes of states and the 	colloquy Seminar paper	4.5%

	mental representations of geographical spaces.		
10.6 Basic performance standard			
- knowledge of the main theories and plans developed by the relevant geopolitical schools (German, Anglo-Saxon, French, Russian);			
- active presence in at least 75% of the seminars.			
Organizational details, exceptional situation management:			
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Date	Course tutor's signature	Seminar tutor's signature
Date of department endorsement	Head of department's signature	
Date of Dean's endorsement	Signature of the vice-Dean in charge	Faculty stamp