

Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport
College of Language and Communication

Course Description Form

Basic Course Specifications				
Course Title	: Geopolitics			
Course Code	: HUM223			
Program on which the course is given	☒ Bachelor	☐ Diploma	☐ Master	☐ Pre- PhD
Academic year	: 2025/2026			
Specialization (units of study)	: Theoretical (30 hrs)		Practical (30 hrs)	
Pre-Requisites	: None			
Overall Course Objectives				
This course aims at providing students with a wide understanding of geopolitics, how it works, how it can be used to assess the capabilities of a state, or a region in terms of its domestic and foreign policy orientations. Different aspects of the geopolitical approach will be analyzed considering geographical, cultural and temporal differences. The students are expected to finish this course with a greater knowledge on how to assess geographical issues, improve their understanding of foreign policy and international system analyses.				
Intended Learning Outcomes				
1. Knowledge and Understanding				
On completion of this course, students will be able to: 1.1 Identify the basics and role of geopolitics. 1.2 Define geopolitical structures. 1.3 Interpret the interplay between space and politics. 1.4 Identify the various definitions of geopolitics and their implications for the field of international relations. 1.5 Comprehend the elements and nature of power, power analysis, and power projection in world politics. 1.6 Be acquainted with geopolitical theories of land, sea, air and their contemporary applications. 1.7 Describe different tactics and strategies of power in international relations.				
2. Intellectual Skills				
On completion of this course, students will be able to: 2.1 Compare and contrast classical and contemporary modes of power demonstration. 2.2 Focus on the impact of various ideological, socio-economic and demographic changes in world regions.				

3. Professional and Practical skills

On completion of this course, students will be able to:

- 3.1 Assess different degrees of potential power of a state, region or a union in establishing their domestic, regional and foreign relations.
- 3.2 Appraise the contribution of cultural characteristics as to the formation and evaluation of international power relations.
- 3.3 Role-play geo-political structures.

4. General and Transferable skills

On completion of this course, students will be able to:

- 4.1 Estimate the role of spatio-temporal factors in the enhancement/limitations of relations.
- 4.2 Collaborate with strategic power structures at workplace environments.

Course content

Lect. #	Topic	Hrs#	Theoretical	Practical
1	Course orientation	2	☐	
2	Course orientation	2		☐
3	- Introduction to geopolitics - Geography and politics	2	☐	
4	Application on relationship between geography & politics	2		☐
5	- Origin of the science - Varieties of geopolitics - Case study: Chinese, Russian, American geopolitics	2	☐	☐
6	- Historical, political and literary forces in geopolitics - Case study: Brexit	2	☐	☐
7	- Geographical architectures - Post-liberal world order - Case study: Berlin Wall / War on Iraq	2	☐	☐
8	- Space, demography and geopolitics - Case study: Cold War / Post-Cold War	2	☐	☐
9	- Sovereignty and the international system - Language and geopolitics	2	☐	
10	- Application: Sovereignty and the international system - Case study: English / Spanish	2		☐
11	Revision	2	☐	
12	Discussion of assignments	2		☐
13	7th week assessment	2	☐	
14	Cont. Sovereignty and the international system	2		☐
15	- Geopolitical architecture & neo-liberal/globalization - Populist architecture	2	☐	

16	- Geopolitical architecture & neo-liberal/globalization - Examples of Protest	2		☐
17	- Popular culture - Popular & unpopular geopolitics	2	☐	
18	Culture and geopolitics	2		☐
19	Digital media and geopolitics	2	☐	
20	Case study: social media and tensions of the Middle East	2		☐
21	- Internet 2.0 and geopolitics - Post 9/11 geopolitics	2	☐	
22	Application	2		☐
23	12th week assessment (simulation study)	2	☐	
24	Cont. Internet 2.0 and geopolitics	2		☐
25	- Critical geopolitics (National) Identity, race, gender and geopolitics - Statelessness in the 21st century	2	☐	
26	Application: -European Union -Russian-Ukraine Crisis	2		☐
27	Objects & geopolitics	2	☐	
28	Application	2		☐
29	Cont. objects and geopolitics	2	☐	☐
30	Revision and discussion	2	☐	☐
31	Final exam	2	☐	☐
32	Final exam	2	☐	☐
Teaching & learning methods				
Various material can be used such as: - PowerPoint presentations - YouTube videos and films - Videogames - Books - Audios and podcasts - Hands-on experience				
Facilities required for Teaching & learning methods				
☒ Projector	Overhead Slide	☒ Books	☒ Video	☒ Audio Cassette
Students Assessment Methods				
Assessment Schedule				
Assessment#1		Week 7		
Assessment#2		Week 12		
Assessment#3		Week 16		

Grading Method		
Attendance	☐	0%
Mid Term Examination	☐	30%
Presentations	☐	2%
Assignments	☐	3%
Projects	☐	20%
Participation	☐	3%
Oral Examination	☐	2%
Final Examination	☐	40%
		Total 100%
List of References		
Course Notes		
Description	:	
Essential Books		
Description	:	Klaus, D. (2019). <i>Geopolitics: A Very Short Introduction</i> . Oxford University Press.
Recommended Books		
Description	:	Kelly, Ph. (2016). <i>Classical Geopolitics: A New Analytical Model</i> . Stanford University Press
Periodicals and publications		
Description	:	
Others (websites, e-books...etc)		
Description	:	