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POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY
(International relations, Political science, Regional studies)
EXPLANATORY SHEET

Political geography is a branch of geography that studies the interaction of political activity in the geographical space. Studying the political and state structure, forms of administration, administrative-territorial structure of countries has a great impact on the formation and expansion of students' outlook. Knowledge about the formation of the state territory, geographical position, borders allows to expand the intellectual level of students.

"Political geography" subject is intended for students studying in the first year of international relations and political science majors of the International Relations and Economics faculty of BSU, and the second year of regional studies of the history and oriental studies faculties. The subject is taught in the amount of 30 hours (15 hours of lectures, 15 hours).

The purpose of studying the subject of political geography is to form systematic and unified knowledge of students in the field of political geography and the political situation in the world.

As a result of mastering the subject, students should know:

- Main geopolitical laws in the modern world;
- Formation of geopolitical concepts;
- World countries and world population as the main geopolitical structure;

- Activity of political and economic integration blocs;
- Causes and geography of inter-ethnic, inter-religious and territorial conflicts in modern times;

Must be able to:

- Analyzing theoretical knowledge, using it in scientific projects and forecasting and scientific research;
- Identify regional conflict centers, analyze their causes and solutions;
- To analyze the current political situation in the world;

Must master:

- Basic concepts of the subject;
- Methods of analyzing the political and economic situation in the world;
- Analysis of the factors affecting the change of the political and economic situation in the region, the country and the world.

Distribution of hours by subjects

№	Topics	Total	Including	
			Lect	Sem
1	The subject, goals and tasks of the subject of political geography. The main development stages of political geography. Scientific theories of geopolitics.	4	2	2
2	Stages of political map formation. The structure of the state territory.	4	2	2

3	World population geography and the relationship of demographic processes with political geography.	4	2	2
4	State boundaries, types and research methods.	4	2	2
5	Typology of world countries. Forms of state administration and administrative-territorial division. Federalism and its types as a basis of political geography.	4	2	2
6	International political and economic integration	4	2	2
7	Political-geographical structure of regional conflicts in the world. Territorial disputes. Centers of regional separatist conflict in the world	4	2	2
8	Geopolitical situation in the Caucasus region. Geopolitical position of Azerbaijan. Azerbaijan in the system of geopolitical relations.	2	1	1
	Total:	30	15	15

Topics and their content

1. The subject, goals and tasks of political geography. The main development stages of the subject. Scientific theories of geopolitics.

The subject, goals and tasks of the subject. The place of political geography in the system of social and political sciences. Political geography as an interdisciplinary science. Relationship with socio-economic geography. Objects of political geography. Political geography and geopolitics. Political geography and international relations. Stages of development of political geography: emergence, political geography on the eve of World War II, geopolitics in modern times. Formation of geopolitical schools: English, German, French schools, main representatives and scientific theories. World models. The modern American model of the world. Its representatives. The Great Chessboard and Contemporary Geopolitical Realities [2], [3], [5] [7].

2. Stages of political map formation. The structure of the state territory.

Stages of political map formation. Main geopolitical categories: world control, geopolitical territory, political space, political interest. The concept of state territory (territory, water area, airspace) and geographical space. International territories. Dependent areas. Feature of the state - as a geographical object. Geographical and political-geographical position of the state. Macro, meso and micro position of the country. Independent states on the political map of the world. State territory morphology. The concept of "ideal state". "Irregular form" states. Marine and land power stations. Struggle for access to the world ocean [2], [4], [7].

3. The geography of the world population and the relationship between demographic processes and political geography.

World population dynamics. Uneven natural growth in world regions and related problems. Demographic policy and its consequences in the countries of the world. Modern labor migration and its geography. The refugee problem and its geopolitical roots. Ethnic composition of the population of the countries of the world. Religious composition of the world population. The world's largest agglomerations and megacities and the problems of big cities. Pandemics and their impact on the world population. Global food problem and solutions to this problem [8], [10].

4. State boundaries, types and research methods.

Limology. Ideas about the existence of state borders. Stages of formation of state borders: delimitation, demarcation and re-demarcation. Demarcation lines. Functions and types of boundaries. Intra-state administrative-territorial division. Sea and land borders. Border disputes and territorial conflicts. The adoption of the "Charter of the Seas" and the division of the world's oceans. Pros and cons of dividing the world's oceans. Legal status of the Caspian Sea. Azerbaijan as a guarantee of the economic development of South Caucasus countries [5], [6], [11].

5. Typology of world countries. Forms of state administration and administrative-territorial division. Federalism and its types as a basis of political geography.

Indicators for the typology of world countries. General characteristics of the developed and developing countries of the world. Types and subtypes of countries. The Globalization Problem and the Transnational World. Unitary states. Federated States. Confederation. Basic principles of

federalism. Republic form of government and its types. Monarchy states. Monarchy forms [3], [5], [10].

6. International political and economic integration

The concept of integration. Date of creation of the first integrations. Types of integration. General characteristics of economic, political, religious associations. Their composition, functions. Integration at the present stage and its importance in the political arena. NATO and its prospects. Azerbaijan in the modern integration system [3], [6], [10].

7. Political-geographical structure of regional conflicts in the world. Territorial disputes. Centers of regional separatist conflict in the world

The causes of geopolitical conflicts. The main centers of geopolitical conflicts. Perspectives of the creation of a single world space and its realities. Modern "hot" centers of geopolitical and military conflicts. The desire to create a multipolar world and a unipolar world. Expansion in the modern world. North - South - like two conflicting worlds [1], [4], [5].

8. Azerbaijan in the system of geopolitical relations. Contemporary geopolitical situation.

Geopolitical position of Azerbaijan. Azerbaijan in the global space. New geopolitical realities of the republic. Economic success. Azerbaijan and international communication. Azerbaijan-Turkey strategic cooperation. Azerbaijan in the international integration system. Military power of the country. Historical injustice: causes and consequences. Karabakh war and the liberation of the occupied lands. Measures taken to restore the economic condition of liberated lands. The Azerbaijani army as a guarantor of security in the South Caucasus region [8].

Questions related to the subject "Political Geography".

1. Basic scientific theories of political geography
2. Interdisciplinarity of political geography
3. Structure of the state territory and types of states according to morphological features
4. Coastal position of states and its influence on geopolitical development
5. State border, their types and functions. Types of border disputes
6. Typology of states according to state forms and administrative-territorial structure
7. Geopolitical models of the world
8. Geopolitical conflict centers in the world
9. The essence of the panregional theory
10. Domino theory and modern political geography

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