FOREIGN POLICY AND SECURITY IN THE BLACK BALTIC SEA REGION

Brief description: The course examines the system of foreign-policy and security relations in theBlack-Baltic Sea Region, which is considered as a macro-region with its own dynamics and factors that determine its development. Identifying and analyzing the factors, contradictions and problems that determine the originality and uniqueness of the Region is one of the main objectives of the course. The goal is to identify the principles, strategies and trends that characterize the foreign policy situation in the region. Special attention is paid to modern security problems and threats that are relevant for the region. The theoretical and applied approaches that are used to adress modern threats and challenges in the region are considered. Particular attention is paid to the latest aspects of foreign policy cooperation and international security: cyber and informational aspects, environmental problems, human dimension, transnational threats.

Objectives of the course:

The aim of the course is to deepen the knowledge of the students, future masters of international relations, on a system of foreign-policy relations within the Black Baltic Sea region, the main vectors of foreign policy of the states of the region, key factors influencing the formation and implementation of their foreign policy priorities.

The course focuses the main trends and peculiarities of international cooperation between the countries of the region among themselves and with third countries. The place and role of major international actors in the system of interstate relations in the region are highlighted.

An important aim of the course is to deepen knowledge about the regional system of international security, the latest trends and principles determining security situation in the Black Baltic Sea Region, the conceptual and institutional framework for ensuring regional security

Learning outcomes:

1) To demonstrate profound knowledge of the problems of national, international, transnational security in the context of Black-Baltic Sea Region countries’ foreign policy strategies;

2) To demonstrate knowledge of scientific approaches, methodologies and methods of studying of international security and foreign policy problems in BBSR

3) To collect and analyze a large amount of information concerning political and security strategies/problems/trends being realized in BBSR; propose, evaluate and predict the possible ways and method of addressing the modern political/security challenges in BBSR

4) To conduct independent researches of problems of international security and foreign policy in BBRS using scientific theories and concepts, scientific methods and interdisciplinary approaches. To organize and implement research projects and prepare analytical reports concerning problems of foreign policy and security in BBSR

5) To communicate with experts, conduct discussions, provide arguments professionally defending point of view.

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