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UNIVERSIDAD DE LA SABANA
FACULTAD DE DERECHO Y CIENCIAS POLÍTICAS

Geopolitics	
1. ASIGNATURAS PRE-REQUISITOS:	Theories of International Relations
2. INTENSIDAD HORARIA:	144 hours per semester
2.1. Horas de trabajo presencial:	48 hours per semester
2.2. Horas de trabajo independiente:	96 hours per semester
3. VALOR EN CREDITOS:	3



4. PROFESOR:

Jorge Enrique Córdoba Currea

Political scientist from the Universidad de los Andes with a Master in Global Governance and Cultural Diplomacy from the University of Siena in Italy. He is also a candidate for a master's degree in Analysis of Contemporary Political, Economic and International Problems from the Externado de Colombia University.

- Has teaching experience in issues of Public Agenda, International Situation and Political Science.
- In the private sector, he has worked with the International Institute for Anti-corruption Studies, where he developed issues related to the design of transparency policies in Honduras, Costa Rica, Peru and Argentina, financed by the Inter-American Development Bank.
- With the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, he had professional experience in the Colombian Embassy in Sweden, the Colombian Embassy in Germany, the Directorate for Border Integration and Development, and the Directorate for Migration, Consular Affairs and Citizen Services.
- Currently, it works in the District in the formulation of action plans with the CONPES methodology of the Public Policies of Family, Habitability in the Street, Adulthood, LGBTI Social Sectors, Social Policy, Human Rights and Integral Management of the Habitat Sector with a horizon to 2030 .

1. COURSE OUTLINE

This course aims to initiate students in understanding and analyzing the basic concepts and geopolitical realities of the world today, both from a regionalized perspective and from the most acute problems that humanity faces in this sphere. The geopolitical dimension enriches the conception that students develop of local problems, and, at the same time, gives relevance to the links that such problems have with other major problems, both global and regional. In addition, it allows to establish trends that will identify the alternatives or solutions for the demographic, economic, political, linguistic and religious issues of the world of the future.



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2. GENERAL AND SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE

- Recognize and explain the concepts of Geopolitics.
- Give a reliable account of the main theoretical frameworks of Geopolitics.
- Establish relationships between explanations of the discipline and have the ability to apply those conceptual and theoretical tools to real-world problems.
- Analyze the main challenges facing the International System in terms of Geopolitics and resources.

3. CORE SUBJECTS

- Introduction to Geopolitics.
- Introduction to the mayor concepts of Geopolitics.
- History of Geopolitics.
- Geopolitical dimensions of the present.
- The Geopolitics of resources.
- The demographic geopolitics, languages and religions.



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4. Course Strategy

4.1 Class Sessions

- Lecture delivered by the Professor.
- Discussion about the reading material.
- Development of class assignments.
- Q&A sessions.

4.2 Independent Work

- Students are expected to do all the required readings prior to each session.
- They shall fulfil the home assignments bearing in mind the established deadlines.
- They should prepare presentations about different countries and describe their economy, politics, culture and geography.
- They are strongly encouraged to send questions and comments the e- mail: jorge.cordoba@unisabana.edu.co

5. Methodology

The three-hour sessions will have different moments: (i) Brief presentation of the students about a country and its context; (ii) lecturer's presentation; (iii) interaction with students through guiding questions; and (iv) in the classes of the third cut , opinion panels will be developed with the students according to the geographical areas stated in the book “Prisoners of geography: ten maps that explain everything about the world” by Tim Marshall.



Evaluations

The course evaluations are the following:

- Presentation 3x3.
- Two midterms .
- Pop Quizzes.
- Exhibition about countries .
- Opinion Panel.

6. Evaluation Criteria

- Class attendance and active participation demonstrating critical analysis of the class material. Inquiries by email will also be considered in the participation component of the grade.
- Assignments submission Timeline.
- Understanding of the concepts and core elements of the theoretical frameworks.
- Ability to apply the theory to concrete cases and assess its value and limitations.
- Internal consistency and argumentation skills.

6.1 Evaluation percentages

- First term 30%: 3x3 presentation & Pop Quizzes 15% / first exam 15%.
- Second term 30%: Workshops & Quizzes 15% / second exam 15%.
- Third term 40%: Countries presentation & Pop Quizzes 20% / Opinion Panel 20%.



7. Timetable

Resultado previsto de aprendizaje (RPA)	Fecha de actividad	Tema y objetivo	Metodologías (Acciones y metodología en clase)	Materiales y lecturas para trabajo previo independiente del estudiante	Evaluación de los aprendizajes (Acciones evaluativas para verificar el avance en el logro del RPA)	Trabajo asincrónico del estudiante	
						Tiempo estimado (De las actividades y de la evaluación)	Tiempo real (De las actividades y de la evaluación)
Recognize and explain the concepts of Geopolitics.	21/07/2021	Course presentation / History of Geopolitical thought	Presentations, videos, and constant interaction with the students	Robert D. Kaplan, <i>The revenge of geography</i> , Barcelona: Spain, RBA Libros, 2013, Chapter 1, pages 31-54 and 97-117.	Pop Quizzes	2 h 45 mins	



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Recognize and explain the concepts of Geopolitics.	28/07/2021	History of the Geopolitical thought	Presentations, videos, and constant interaction with the students	Robert D. Kaplan, <i>The revenge of geography</i> , Barcelona: Spain, RBA Libros, 2013, Chapter 1, pages 31-54 and 97-117.	Oral Presentation and Pop Quizzes	2 h 45 mins	
Give a reliable account of the main theoretical frameworks of Geopolitics.	04/08/2021	History of the Geopolitical thought	Presentations, videos, and constant interaction with the students	Robert D. Kaplan, <i>The revenge of geography</i> , Barcelona: Spain, RBA Libros, 2013, Chapter 1, pages 31-54 and 97-117.	Oral Presentation and Pop Quizzes	2 h 45 mins	



Establish relationships between explanations of the discipline and have the ability to apply those conceptual and theoretical tools to real-world problems.	11/08/2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sea Power	Presentations, videos, and constant interaction with the students	Alfred Mahan, The Influence of Sea Power upon History, 1660-1783, online version: http://www.gutenberg.org/files/13529/13529-h/13529-h.htm , Chapters 1, 2, 3.	Oral Presentation, Pop Quizzes and 3x3 presentation	2 h 45 mins	
Objetives of weeks 1, 2, 3 y 4.	18/08/2021	Midterm1	Essay about a specific region. Its history, economy, culture and geography.	N/A	Open Book Exam	2 h 45 mins	



Establish relationships between explanations of the discipline and have the ability to apply those conceptual and theoretical tools to real-world problems.	25/08/2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sea Power	Presentations, videos, and constant interaction with the students	Alfred Mahan, The Influence of Sea Power upon History, 1660-1783, online version: http://www.gutenberg.org/files/13529/13529-h/13529-h.htm , Chapters 1, 2, 3.	Oral Presentation and Pop Quizzes	2 h 45 mins	
Establish relationships between explanations of the discipline and have the ability to apply those conceptual and theoretical tools to real-world problems.	01/09/2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grand Strategy, Strategy, and Tactics.• Concepts of the geopolitics of maritime treaties and hybrid warfare.	Presentations, videos, and constant interaction with the students	Bertrand Boyer, Countering Hybrid Threats in Cyberspace, <i>Cyber Defense Review</i> , February 2017.	Oral Presentation and Pop Quizzes	2 h 45 mins	
Establish relationships between explanations of the discipline and have the ability to apply those conceptual and theoretical tools to real-world problems.	08/09/2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grand Strategy, Strategy, and Tactics.• Concepts of the geopolitics of maritime treaties and hybrid warfare.	Presentations, videos, and constant interaction with the students	Gerasymov, Valery, The Value of Science Is in the Foresight: New Challenges Demand Rethinking the Forms and Methods of Carrying out Combat Operations, <i>Military Review</i> , January-February 2016.	Oral Presentation and Pop Quizzes	2 h 45 mins	



Analyze the main challenges the International System is facing in terms of Geopolitics and resources.	15/09/2021	Russia's Geopolitical Imperatives	Opinion Panel between the teacher and the students	Marshall, T. (2015). <i>Prisoners of geography: ten maps that explain everything about the world</i> . First Scribner Hardcover edition. New York, New York: Scribner, an imprint of Simon & Schuster, Inc.	Oral Presentation and Pop Quizzes	2 h 45 mins	
Analyze the main challenges the International System is facing in terms of Geopolitics and resources.	22/09/2021	China's Geopolitical Imperatives	Opinion Panel between the teacher and the students	Marshall, T. (2015). <i>Prisoners of geography: ten maps that explain everything about the world</i> . First Scribner Hardcover edition. New York, New York: Scribner, an imprint of Simon & Schuster, Inc.	Oral Presentation and Pop Quizzes	2 h 45 mins	
Objetives of the weeks 1 to 10	29/09/2021	Midterm 2	Argumentative Text about a current geopolitical issue	N/A	Open Book Exam	2 h 45 mins	



Analyze the main challenges the International System is facing in terms of Geopolitics and resources.	06/10/2021	Geopolitical Imperatives of the United States and Western Europe	Opinion Panel between the teacher and the students	Marshall, T. (2015). <i>Prisoners of geography: ten maps that explain everything about the world</i> . First Scribner Hardcover edition. New York, New York: Scribner, an imprint of Simon & Schuster, Inc.	Oral Presentation and Pop Quizzes	2 h 45 mins	
Analyze the main challenges the International System is facing in terms of Geopolitics and resources.	13/10/2021	Geopolitical Imperatives of Africa and the Middle East.	Opinion Panel between the teacher and the students	Marshall, T. (2015). <i>Prisoners of geography: ten maps that explain everything about the world</i> . First Scribner Hardcover edition. New York, New York: Scribner, an imprint of Simon & Schuster, Inc.	Oral Presentation and Pop Quizzes	2 h 45 mins	
Analyze the main challenges the International System is facing in terms of Geopolitics and resources.	20/10/2021	Geopolitical Imperatives of India and Pakistan / Korea and Japan	Opinion Panel between the teacher and the students	Marshall, T. (2015). <i>Prisoners of geography: ten maps that explain everything about the world</i> . First Scribner Hardcover edition. New York, New York: Scribner, an imprint of Simon & Schuster, Inc.	Oral Presentation and Pop Quizzes	2 h 45 mins	



Analyze the main challenges the International System is facing in terms of Geopolitics and resources.	27/10/2021	Geopolitical Imperatives of Latin America	Opinion Panel between the teacher and the students	Marshall, T. (2015). <i>Prisoners of geography: ten maps that explain everything about the world</i> . First Scribner Hardcover edition. New York, New York: Scribner, an imprint of Simon & Schuster, Inc.	Oral Presentation and Pop Quizzes	2 h 45 mins	
Analyze the main challenges the International System is facing in terms of Geopolitics and resources.	03/11/2021	Geopolitical Imperatives of Colombia	Opinion Panel between the teacher and the students	Marshall, T. (2015). <i>Prisoners of geography: ten maps that explain everything about the world</i> . First Scribner Hardcover edition. New York, New York: Scribner, an imprint of Simon & Schuster, Inc.	Oral Presentation and Pop Quizzes	2 h 45 mins	