



## Syllabus

**Term:** 2026/27/1

**Subject name:** Political Geography

**Subject code:** MNGEO22

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**Unit (Unit code)** Institute of Geography and Earth Sciences (FOLDRAJZ)

**Lecturer responsible for the course:** Dr. PAP Norbert

**Requirement:** Exam

**Classes per week :** 2/0/2

**Classes per term:** 26/0/26

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### Purpose of education:

Students study the basics of political geography, learn about its methodological framework and extend their literacy.

### Contents:

1. Characteristics of geopolitics/political geography
2. Outline of the history of political geography and geopolitics
3. The State (states, nations, minorities, identities, sovereignty, state policies, size, shape)
4. A functional approach to the state
5. The question of ecumenical and non-effective state territory
6. Borders (borders, border zones, (border and frontier) CBC, euroregions, border persistence, natural and artificial borders, ethnic, spatial, economic developmental borders, mental borders) in the Balkans and Central Europe
7. The core area (typologies, characteristics of each core area, the Hungarian core area, their role in political conflicts, development policy) Examples: Balkan state initiatives (successor states, Kosovo)
8. The capital city (general characteristics of capitals, typologies, their role, case studies)



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Examples: Carpatho-Balkan capitals

9. Enclaves, exclaves, corridors (with examples)

10. Classical models of geopolitics

11. Case study on globalization: Islam

12. Case study: political geography of the Balkans

13. Hungarian political geography and geopolitical tradition

14. Electoral geography

### System of examining and valuation:

Oral exam.

### Bibliography:

Peter Taylor and Colin Flint (2018) Political Geography. Routledge.

Joe Painter and Alex Jeffrey (2009) Political Geography: an introduction to space and power. Sage.

Benedict Anderson (2016) Imagined Communities: reflections on the origins and spread of nationalism. Verso.

### Bibliography: