

**Abstract to Discipline Course Plan
"Contemporary International Relations"**

Purpose of study	<p>The purpose of the discipline is to provide students with a holistic view of the relationship between states in the international arena, the processes and mechanisms of decision-making, the development of foreign policy by the leading world powers in the development of the system of international relations after the "Cold War".</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To familiarize students with documentary sources and available basic scientific research on the main problems of the development of modern international relations. 2. To give students the skills to independently search for materials on the main problems of contemporary international relations. 3. To form in students a clear understanding of the conceptual apparatus of the course. 4. To give students an understanding of the iconic phenomena, key events and personalities of contemporary international relations.
Place of discipline in the academic program	U 1.C.4*
Competencies to be acquired	GPC-4, UC-1
Acquired knowledge, skills and abilities	<p>Know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -basic patterns of development and functioning of the system of contemporary international relations; -the main documentary sources and scientific research on the main problems of contemporary international relations. <p>Be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - explain the logic and regularities of the process of formation and development of modern international relations; - formulate hypotheses about the causes of a particular situation in the sphere of international relations and about the ways (trends) of its development and consequences. <p>Have the following skills and (or) experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - skills of independent search of materials on the main problems of the development of modern international relations; - the skills of analyzing the current international situation in general.
Content of the discipline	<p>Introduction to the Course "Modern International Relations". The Main Characteristics of the Modern System of International Relations. The Global Dimension of Contemporary International Relations. The United States in Contemporary International Relations. Atlantic and Transatlantic relations. The EU and Its Leading Member States in International Relations. The Pan-European Process. International Relations in Connection with the Disintegration of Yugoslavia. Relations between Russia and the New Countries of Eastern Europe, South Caucasus and Central Asia. China in Contemporary International Relations. Preparation for Practical Lessons and Final Control.</p>
Educational activities	Lectures, practical classes, independent study.
Information, instrumental and software tools used	<p>Microsoft Windows 7-Zip AcrobatReader Electronic database "Scopus" (http://www.scopus.com); Electronic library system of Altai State University (http://elibrary.asu.ru/); Scientific electronic library elibrary (http://elibrary.ru)</p>
Midterm evaluation	Credit

*(U- unit, C-compulsory discipline)