

Abstract to Discipline Course Plan
"International Conflicts in the 21st Century"

Purpose of study	<p>Purpose is: to show the role and importance of conflicts in contemporary international relations, the search for ways to minimize their negative consequences and the development of concerted efforts of the world community to resolve them.</p> <p>Objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to determine the content of the basic concepts of conflictology as applied to international relations; - to identify the typology and types of classification of international conflicts - to consider ways and mechanisms of international conflicts resolution; - to show the role and degree of involvement of international organizations and extra-regional powers in conflict resolution - to trace the causes, evolution and prospects for the resolution of major regional conflicts in Asia and Africa; - to show the role of ethnic, religious and cultural, historical, political and economic and other factors in the emergence of conflicts.
Place of discipline in the academic program	U. 1.C.4*
Competencies to be acquired	UC-3, UC-8
Acquired knowledge, skills and abilities	<p>Know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - about the international legal framework and mechanisms of conflict resolution, peacekeeping operations of the UN and regional international organizations; - the basic concepts and categories necessary for the analysis of international conflicts. <p>To be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - outline the main ideas of theorists of modern conflictology and international relations theory; - collect, analyze and skillfully present information on the history and current state of the most significant regional conflicts in their relationship to the general state of the world system. <p>Have the following skills and (or) experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - scientifically objective approach to the study of international conflicts and the assessment of Russia's role in their resolution.
Content of the discipline	<p>Introduction. Regional Conflicts in Contemporary International Relations. The Middle East Conflict in the Second Half of the 20th and the Beginning of the 21st Century. The Afghan Conflict and its Regional Aspect. The Kashmir Conflict. Regional Conflicts in the Horn of Africa. The Kurdish Problem. Iraq and the Crisis in the Middle East in 1990-2000s. Conflicts in the African Great Lakes Region. Local Conflicts in South and South-East Asia.</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)