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WORK PROGRAM

discipline

«Information wars and international propaganda»

Higher education degree – master

Field of knowledge – 29 International relations

Specialty – 293 International law

Educational and Professional Program - International Law

Department of international law and migration policy

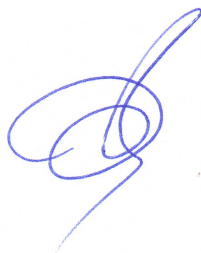
Form of study	Study year	Semester	Lectures	Practical classes	Individual work	Training, CPIT	Student-self study	Total	Exam/ Credit
Full-time	1	2	30	15	5	4	66	120	Credit

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**STRUCTURE OF THE WORK PROGRAM OF THE DISCIPLINE
“INFORMATION WARS AND INTERNATIONAL PROPAGANDA”**

1. Description of the discipline "Information wars and international propaganda"

The discipline "Information wars and international propaganda"	Field of knowledge, specialty, educational and professional program, higher education degree	Characteristics of the educational discipline
Quantity of ECTS credits – 4	Field of knowledge - 29 «International relations»	Discipline status: selective Language of study: English
Quantity of credit modules – 3	Specialty – 293 «International law»	Year of study - 1 Semester – 2
Number of content modules – 2	Educational and Professional Program - 293 International Law	Lectures – 30 hours. Practical classes – 15 hours.
Total number of hours – 120 hours.	Higher education degree – master	Student-self study – 70 hours, of which the training is 4 hours. Individual work – 5 hours.
Weekly hours – 8 hours, of which classroom hours – 3 hours		Type of final control – credit

Purpose and objectives of the discipline «Information wars and international propaganda»

2.1. Purpose of studying the discipline «Information wars and international propaganda»:

obtaining knowledge, forming skills and abilities on the conceptual, theoretical and practical foundations of conducting psychological operations and information wars in the field of international relations.

2.2. Tasks of studying the discipline: study of theories of information confrontation under the influence of high (information and communication) technologies; clarification of problems of special information influence; study of strategies and practice of conducting special information operations; study of the communicative dimension of methodology, planning, implementation of special information operations; formation of skills in using the methodology and methodology of countering information operations.

3. PROGRAM OF THE ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE "INFORMATION WARS AND INTERNATIONAL PROPAGANDA"

Content module 1. Theoretical and historical aspects of information wars.

Topic 1. The essence of information and psychological confrontation.

Theoretical and applied aspects of special information operations. Theoretical concepts of information wars. Basic concepts of information warfare. Information wars in the context of international relations and international security. Information wars in internal political confrontation.

Topic 2. Formation and development of information and psychological confrontation.

Information and psychological confrontation in the Ancient world and in the Middle Ages. Development of information and psychological confrontation in military conflicts of the XIX century.

Topic 3. Information and psychological confrontation during the First World War.

Information and psychological confrontation during the first World War. Use of propaganda tools on the territory of the USSR in the interwar period. 3. Features of propaganda of Nazi Germany in the interwar period.

Topic 4. Information and psychological confrontation during the Second World War (1939-1945).

Features of propaganda by Germany and the USSR among the enemy troops and population during the Second World War.

Conducting propaganda by the United States, Britain, and Japan during World War II.

Content module 2. Information wars and globalization.

Topic 5. Information and psychological confrontation during the Cold War (1946-1991)

Psychological operations of the United States in wars and armed conflicts.

Special propaganda of the USSR in Afghanistan in 1979-1989.

Topic 6. Peculiarities of the modern period of information and psychological confrontation.

A new type of global information confrontation.

Information weapons in modern conditions.

Peculiarities of ensuring information security in the era of globalization.

Topic 7. Information and psychological confrontation through the prism of Mass Communication Media.

Mass media and Means of Mass Communication.

Characteristics of information and psychological impact through Mass Communication Media: stages, models, principles. Trends in the development of mass communication media as a basis for information and psychological confrontation. Audience, circulations, and ratings of Mass Communication Media.

Mass Communication Media: manipulative techniques for conducting information and psychological warfare. Military Mass Communication Media as a powerful means of waging war. Mass Communication Media: current state.

4. Structure of the credit in the discipline "Information wars and international propaganda"

Topics	Hours					
	Lectur es	Practical classes	Self study	Indivi dual work	Traini ng, CPIT	Control measures
Content module 1. Theoretical and historical aspects of information wars.						
Topic 1. The essence of information and psychological confrontation.	4	5	10	2		Current student survey
Topic 2. Formation and development of information and psychological confrontation.	6	2	10			Current student survey
Topic 3. Information and psychological confrontation during the First World War.	4	2	10			Current student survey
Topic 4. Information and psychological confrontation during the Second World War (1939-1945).	4	2	9			Current student survey
Content module 2. Information wars and globalization.						
Topic 5. Information and psychological confrontation during the Cold War (1946-1991)	4	2	9	3	4	Current student survey
Topic 6. Peculiarities of the modern period of information and psychological confrontation.	4	2	9			Current student survey
Topic 7. Information and psychological confrontation through the prism of Mass Communication Media.	4	3	9			Current student survey
TOTAL	30	15	66	5	4	

5. Topics of practical classes in the discipline «Information wars and international propaganda»

Content module 1. Theoretical and historical aspects of information wars.

Practical class № 1

Topic: The essence of information and psychological confrontation.

The purpose: to study the concept and subject of information wars, determine their place in the system of international relations and international law.

Issues for discussion:

1. Informational and psychological impact.
2. Special informational operations and information impact actions.
3. Information wars.
4. Information security of the state.

Practical class № 2

Topic. Formation and development of information and psychological confrontation.

The purpose: Research of theoretical foundations and practical tools for influencing other sides of conflicts in the past.

Issues for discussion:

1. Information and psychological confrontation in the Ancient world and in the Middle Ages.
2. Development of information and psychological confrontation in military conflicts of the XIX century.

Practical class № 3

Topic. Information and psychological confrontation during the First World War.

The purpose: Research of the specifics of information and psychological confrontation during the first World War.

Issues for discussion:

1. Information and psychological confrontation during the first World War.
2. Use of propaganda tools on the territory of the USSR in the interwar period.
3. Features of propaganda of Nazi Germany in the interwar period.

Practical class № 4

Topic. Information and psychological confrontation during the Second World War (1939-1945).

The purpose: Research of the main issues of information and psychological confrontation during the Second World War.

Issues for discussion:

1. Features of propaganda by Germany and the USSR among the enemy troops and population during the Second World War.
2. Conducting propaganda by the United States, Britain, and Japan during World War II.

Content module 2. Information wars and globalization.

Practical class № 5

Topic. Information and psychological confrontation during the Cold War (1946-1991).

The purpose: Familiarization with the structural and semantic dimensions of the information and psychological confrontation during the Cold War.

Issues for discussion:

1. Psychological operations of the United States in wars and armed conflicts.
2. Special propaganda of the USSR in Afghanistan in 1979-1989.

Practical class № 6

Topic. Peculiarities of the modern period of information and psychological confrontation.

The purpose: Research of the features of the modern period of information and psychological confrontation.

Issues for discussion:

1. A new type of global information confrontation.
2. Information weapons in modern conditions.
3. Peculiarities of ensuring information security in the era of globalization.

Practical class № 7

Topic. Information and psychological confrontation through the prism of Mass Communication Media.

The purpose: Research of the main tools of information wars through the prism of Mass Communication Media.

Issues for discussion:

1. Mass media and Means of Mass Communication.
2. Characteristics of information and psychological impact through Mass Communication Media: stages, models, principles.
3. Trends in the development of mass communication media as a basis for information and psychological confrontation.
4. Audience, circulations, and ratings of Mass Communication Media.
5. Mass Communication Media: manipulative techniques for conducting information and psychological warfare.
6. Military Mass Communication Media as a powerful means of waging war.
7. Mass Communication Media: current state.

6. Complex practical individual task in the discipline "Information wars and international propaganda"

Complex practical individual task (CPIT) in the discipline "Information wars and international propaganda" provides for the implementation of various forms of individual work by students and the formation of an individual student portfolio, including:

- abstract presentation of the material with a presentation on one of the topics of independent work;
- preparation of a thematic crossword puzzle or test in the discipline;
- presentations at student conferences and round tables;
- writing abstracts on course topics and problems;
- development of one of the topics of the practical lesson;
- drawing up an explanatory dictionary for the course, etc.

The type of CPIT is agreed with each student separately.
CPIT topics are also agreed upon individually.

Variants for individual tasks (CPIT) in the discipline "Information Wars and International Propaganda"

1. Basics of information warfare theory.
2. Information warfare: basic concepts.
3. Forms and methods of information wars.
4. Psychological and cyber warfare as components of information wars.
5. Information weapons and technologies for their use.
6. Psychological wars and methods of their providing.
7. The concept of psychological warfare and special information operations.
8. Objects of influence and classification of special information operations.
9. Propaganda technologies and scenarios of psychological operations.
10. Problems of protection against information operations and counter-propaganda.
11. Research methods of special information operations.
12. Information space protection system from special information operations.
13. Counterpropaganda in information wars.
14. Cyber wars.
15. Communicative components of information warfare.
16. Fundamentals of Ukrainian legislation in the information sphere.
17. Laws of Ukraine on the regulation of various aspects of information activities.
18. Information policy at the present stage.
19. Information society and openness of power.

20. Information strategies.
21. Information policy of foreign countries.
22. UN information policy.
23. The current state of the information sphere of Ukraine.
24. Information wars in the structure of modern civilizations.
25. State information policy of Ukraine.
26. The main problems of legal regulation of the Internet.

7. OUTCLASSES WORK IN THE DISCIPLINE «Information wars and international propaganda»

№	Topics
1.	Theoretical and practical aspects of special information operations.
2.	Historical aspects of the theory and practice of information and psychological influence.
3.	Information Wars – current state.
4.	Basics of the theory of information wars.
5.	Structural and semantic dimensions of information wars.
6.	Classification of special information operations.
7.	Instruments of information wars. Their typology and characteristics.
8.	Types of special information operations.
9.	Psychological wars and methods of their waging.
10.	Cyber Wars.
11.	Ideological and political dominance as a factor of socio-political communications.
12.	Asymmetric actions in information operations.

8. Training in the discipline «Information wars and international propaganda»

Training in the discipline «Information wars and international propaganda» is conducted during the academic week, contains a combination of independent work of students and classroom work under the guidance of a teacher and is based on the topic of independent work and materials of complex practical individual tasks.

9. Assessment tools and methods for demonstrating learning outcomes

In the process of studying the discipline «Information wars and international propaganda», the following assessment tools and methods for demonstrating learning results are used:

- standardized tests;
- current questioning;
- testing and surveys;
- presentations of the results of completed tasks and research;
- evaluation of CPIT results;
- student presentations and performances at scientific events;
- rector's control work;
- other types of individual and group tasks.

10. Criteria and forms of current and final control

The final score (on a 100-point scale) in the discipline «Information wars and international propaganda» is defined as a weighted average value, depending on the specific weight of each component of the credit score:

Credit module 1	Credit module 2	Credit module 3	Overall
30%	40%	30%	100%
1. Verbal survey during classes (3 topics with 10 points – 30 points) 2. Written work – 70 points	1. Verbal survey during classes (4 topics with 5 points – 20 points) 2. Written work – 80 points	1. Writing and presentation of KPIZ – 80 points 2. Completing tasks during the training – 20 points	100

Rating scale:

By the WUNU scale	By the national rating scale	By the ECTS scale
90–100	excellent	A (excellent)
85–89	good	B (very good)
75-84		C (good)
65-74	satisfactory	D (satisfactory)
60-64		E (sufficient)
35-59	unsatisfactory	FX (unsatisfactory with the possibility of re-examination)
1-34		F (unsatisfactory with a mandatory repeat course)

11. Tools, equipment and software that the academic discipline provides for

№	Description	Topic number
1.	Flipchart	Topics 1-7
2.	Laptop	Topics 1-7
3.	Projector	Topics 1-7
4.	Set of presentation materials	Topics 1-7

RECOMMENDED SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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