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SYLLABUS
CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND PEACEBUILDING
(ELEC5206)

Scope of knowledge
(domain):

300000 – Social Sciences, Journalism, and
Information

Sphere of education
(range):

310000 – Social and Behavioral Sciences

Speciality:

70811212-Water Diplomacy

Tashkent – 2025

Credit Volume: 6 ECTS
Type of Education: Full-time
Total Hours: 180 hours
Lectures: 30 hours
Practical Sessions: 60 hours
Independent Study: 90 hours
Language of Instruction: English
Semester: 1
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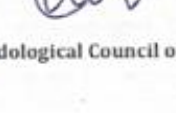
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2. Course Prerequisites

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Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

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Syllabus
CASE STUDIES OF TRANSNATIONAL WATER CONFLICT MANAGEMENT
(ELEC5206)

Scope of knowledge (domain):	300000 - Social Sciences, Journalism, and Information
Sphere of education (range):	310000 - Social and Behavioural Sciences
Study program:	70811212 - Water diplomacy

TASHKENT – 2025

Credits: 6 ECTS
Type of Education: assumed by default
Hours (total): 120 hours
Lectures: 30 hours
Seminar classes: 30 hours
Independent Learning: 60 hours

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1. Case Studies of Transnational Water Conflict Management

The course "Case Studies of Transnational Water Conflict Management" provides TIAME graduate students with an applied understanding of how transboundary water disputes arise and how they can be transformed into frameworks for regional cooperation. It focuses on real-world case studies from Central Asia and other regions, illustrating both the technical and diplomatic dimensions of shared water management. By integrating theories of hydro-politics and conflict transformation with lessons from international river basins, the course prepares students to engage in practical problem-solving at the intersection of engineering, governance, and diplomacy. Students will examine key cases, including the Syr Darya, Amu Darya, and Aral Sea basins, as well as comparative studies of the Nile, Indus, Mekong, and Danube, to understand how institutional design, negotiation strategies, and benefit-sharing mechanisms can foster cooperation among riparian states. Special attention will be given to Central Asia's post-Soviet water governance challenges, the role of regional bodies such as IFAS, and emerging international approaches to sustainable basin management. This course is adapted of the "Program in Water Conflict Management and Transformation" developed by the Oregon State University and the main literature has been developed by the Aaron Wolf for particular cases.

Through lectures, seminars, and simulations, the course aims to equip TIAME graduates with exposure to international practices and negotiation methods in transboundary water management, helping them apply global lessons to local and regional contexts in Uzbekistan and Central Asia.

2. Pre-requisites

This course is designed primarily for students of the Tashkent Institute of Irrigation and Agricultural Mechanization Engineers (TIAME) enrolled in the joint UWED-TIAME Master's Programme. Participants are expected to have a foundational understanding of water management, irrigation systems, environmental engineering, or natural resource management. Prior coursework or practical experience in hydrology, environmental policy, or project management is recommended. The course also welcomes students with an interest in transboundary water governance, regional cooperation, and sustainable development who wish to enhance their analytical and negotiation skills in water diplomacy. Proficiency in English is required for active participation in seminars, simulations, and written assignments.

3. Purpose of the Course

The course aims to equip students with a deep understanding of the political, technical, and institutional dimensions of transboundary water management. Building on both engineering and governance perspectives, the course explores how water disputes emerge, evolve, and can be transformed into opportunities for cooperation. Through global and Central Asian case studies, students will develop practical skills in negotiation, benefit-sharing, and sustainable resource management.

Specifically, the course seeks to

- Analyze major global and regional case studies of river basin management and water dispute resolution
- Provide students on the location of key water dispute areas around the world and their locations
- Introduce the main theories of water conflict, cooperation, and conflict transformation
- Examine international legal and institutional mechanisms governing transboundary waters
- Develop negotiation, mediation, and analytical skills applicable to water diplomacy and basin governance
- Strengthen students' capacity to assess, design, and evaluate cooperative mechanisms for integrated water resources management in Central Asia

4. Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

- Explain key theoretical approaches to water conflict and cooperation, including hydro-politics and conflict transformation theory.
- Identify the legal frameworks and international conventions regulating shared water resources.
- Analyze transboundary water management practices using comparative case study methods.
- Apply conflict analysis and negotiation tools to real-world water management scenarios.
- Conduct stakeholder mapping and benefit-sharing assessments in transboundary contexts.
- Prepare analytical essays, policy briefs, and presentations addressing water governance challenges.
- Integrate technical water management knowledge with principles of diplomacy and regional cooperation.
- Engage effectively with multidisciplinary teams in policy dialogue, basin planning, and regional negotiations.
- Demonstrate ethical and professional conduct in addressing water conflicts and promoting sustainable solutions.

5. Independent Learning and Tasks

Independent learning forms an essential component of the "Case Studies of Transnational Water Conflict Management" course. It enables students to strengthen their analytical, technical, and policy-oriented skills by engaging with international case studies and regional water management practices. Given the applied nature of the joint UWED–THAME programme, students are encouraged to link theoretical knowledge of hydro-diplomacy and conflict transformation with their technical background in irrigation, hydrology, and basin management.

Core Independent Learning Components

- **Case Study Analysis (Individual Task)** Each student will prepare a essay (2,000–2,500 words) focusing on a selected transboundary river basin such as the Syr Darya, or Amu Darya. The paper should identify the main sources of conflict and cooperation, evaluate institutional mechanisms, and propose policy solutions relevant to Central Asia.
- **Group Simulation: Negotiating Shared Waters** Students will work in small groups representing different basin stakeholders (e.g., upstream and downstream countries, regional organizations, or donors). The exercise will simulate an international negotiation over shared water resources, requiring preparation of position papers and a joint communiqué reflecting compromise and mutual benefits.
- **Expert Interview or Field Reflection** Students are encouraged to engage with practitioners from water management agencies, basin authorities, or research institutions. A short report (up to 1,000 words) should summarize practical insights on governance, coordination challenges, and opportunities for regional cooperation.
- **Weekly Readings and Discussion Preparation** For each lecture and seminar, students are expected to complete assigned readings, review supplementary materials available online, and prepare discussion questions or short notes to support class participation.

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Область знаний: 300 000- Социальные науки, журналистика и информация

Сфера образования: 310 000- Социальные и поведенческие науки

Специальность: 70811212 - Водная дипломатия

Ташкент- 2025

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Часы (всего): 120 часов
Лекции: 30 часов
Семинары: 30 часов
Самостоятельная работы: 60 часов
Языки обучения: Русский, узбекский, английский
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1. Course Description

The course “Geopolitics of Water Resources” is aimed at developing in students a comprehensive understanding of the distribution of water resources across regions, the importance of water for life and the economy, as well as the conflicts and cooperation associated with their use (for example, transboundary rivers and water resource management)..

2. Course Prerequisites

The prerequisites for the course include subjects such as Theory of International Relations and Geopolitics.

3. Course Objectives

The purpose of the course “Geopolitics of Water Resources” is to study the geopolitics of water resources at the global, international–regional, and national levels.

4. Learning Outcomes

Upon completing the course, students will:

1. Have an understanding of the characteristics of water resource distribution and the key related issues on the international agenda;
2. Understand the evolution of water resource management;
3. Be able to conduct independent research in the field of the geopolitics of water resources;
4. Analyze the water resource geopolitics of different countries;
5. Identify the relevant methods and instruments used by a particular country.

5. Independent Learning and Tasks

Students must submit all their assignments before the deadline.

Resubmissions or make-up work are not provided. All assignments (30%) will include an analysis of specific issues that must be prepared independently and discussed in class. They must be completed by the specified deadlines.

Detailed assessment criteria for the assignments will be uploaded to the UWED–Moodle platform. Students must write two academic reports (30%) on a topic they have chosen and had approved by the lecturer. If the topic has not been approved by the lecturer, the student cannot receive more than 20% for the work. Violation of ethical rules is strictly prohibited.

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Syllabus

WATER CONFLICTS AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

(ELEC1206)

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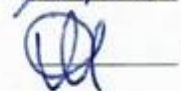
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The course is devoted to the analysis of water conflicts within the system of contemporary international relations and their link to the issues of sustainable development. The course examines the geopolitical, economic, environmental, and institutional aspects of water resource governance, as well as the role of transboundary watercourses in shaping regional and global security. Particular attention is paid to contemporary theoretical approaches, practical case studies, and mechanisms for the prevention and resolution of water-related conflicts.

2. Prerequisites

N/A

3. Main objectives

The course begins with an overview of water conflicts and sustainable development and how it dealt with the internal and external challenges. We will meet weekly for a combination of lectures, discussion, and in-class activities. Course materials include a textbook to introduce broad themes, scholarly monographs and articles, primary sources, visual and material artifacts, and films.

4. Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course, students should be able:

- to develop students' systemic understanding of water resources as a factor of international politics and security;
- to analyze the causes and dynamics of water conflicts at the regional and global levels;
- to examine the interrelationship between water resource governance and the Sustainable Development Goals;
- to develop skills in analytical work with case studies and policy and strategic documents.

5. Default texts

I. Main:

1. Krzymowski A. Water Diplomacy and Its Strategic Significance for Sustainable Development Goals and Global Security Architecture // Sustainability 7.2021, 13, 13898. <https://doi.org/10.3390/su132413898>
2. Water is central in achieving all 17 SDGs. But how? - <https://siwi.org/latest/water-is-central-in-achieving-all-17-sdgs-but-how/>

II. Additional:

1. John Blewitt, Understanding Sustainable Development (Earthscan, 2008).
2. Jeffrey D. Sachs, The Age of Sustainable Development (Columbia, 2015).
3. The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2025. <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/report/2025/>
4. Jared Diamond, Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed (Viking, 2005).