**Department of Domestic and Foreign History**

**ABSTRACT OF THE EDUCATIONAL DISCIPLINE**

Name of the discipline **Ukraine in the Geopolitical Confrontation**

**at Beginning of 21st Century**

Level of higher education the second (Master’s)

Number of ECTS credits 4

**The purpose of the discipline** is to study the main causes (economic, political, cultural and ideological, in particular, linguistic) of the aggravation of the situation in the east of Ukraine, the organizational forms of this aggravation, the ways and methods of international influence, clarifying the role and place of Ukraine in the European and world globalization space.

**Tasks of the discipline are:**

• to analyze the theoretical foundations of the modern globalization process;

• to determine the ratio of internal and external factors of the aggravation of the situation in the east of Ukraine;

• to trace the problems of national mentality formation in historical retrospect;

• to characterize the economic, political and ethnic factors of the current situation in the East;

• to establish the falsified aspects of the Russian-Ukrainian war as a hybrid form of armed aggression;

• to outline directions for further development of Ukraine as a single, indivisible, sovereign state.

**Brief contents:**

Mentality and national character of the Ukrainian people in historical and geopolitical reality. Economic components of political confrontation. Peculiarities of the national structure of Donbas and its influence on the formation of the Ukrainian mentality. The conflict in Donbas in the parameters of sociological research. Stages of the Russian-Ukrainian war, its hybrid nature.

The discipline has been modernized as part of the Erasmus+ **project** "Academic Response for Hybrid Threats" based on the results of study visits and the study of the latest sources.

**Control methods:**

Oral and written survey; participation in discussions and round tables; testing, credit assessment.

**Who delivers the discipline:**

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