

Subject card

Subject name and code	Introduction to Archaeology - lecture, PG_00168020						
Field of study	Archaeology						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject		2025/2026		
Education level	Bachelor's studies		Subject group		Obligatory subject group in the field of study Subject group related to scientific research in the field of study		
Mode of study	full-time studies		Mode of delivery		at the university		
Year of study	1		Language of instruction		Polish		
Semester of study	1		ECTS credits		3.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		exam		
Conducting unit	Institute of Archaeology -> Faculty of History -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr hab. Seweryn Rzepecki				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	30.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30
	E-learning hours included: 0.0						
Learning activity and number of study hours	Learning activity	Participation in didactic classes included in study plan		Participation in consultation hours		Self-study	SUM
	Number of study hours	30		2.0		45.0	77
Subject objectives	Introduction to the basic issues of the discipline. Placing archaeology in the context of historical and anthropological sciences. Shaping the understanding of archaeological sources and source-creating processes. Presenting the history of archaeological interpretations as the history of perceiving the diversity of archaeological sources linked in turn to the concepts of archaeological narrative. Introduction to the protection of archaeological heritage and the perception of the social context of archaeology.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[ARCHL3_W07] Knows and understands the fundamental dilemmas of modern civilization	student knows and understands the role of archaeological research in the cultural development of humanity and explains the differences in the status of archaeology in various cultural circles of the modern world, taking into account the political or religious context.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
	[ARCHL3_K01] Is ready to critically evaluate his/her knowledge and received content	Is ready to critically evaluate the knowledge he/she possesses and the content he/she receives in the field of basic archaeology.	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[ARCHL3_W01] Knows and understands to an advanced level selected facts, objects and phenomena, as well as the methods and theories concerning them that explain the complex relationships between them, constituting basic general knowledge in the humanities	Student knows and understands the place of archaeology among other fields of science, defines the most important stages in the development of the discipline and describes the differences between the leading theoretical trends. Can present the basic dating methods used in archaeology, describe the processes of forming archaeological sites. Distinguishes basic relics at archaeological sites, including the categories of mobile and immobile sources. Explains the importance of archaeological research for the protection of cultural heritage and building knowledge about the past.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[ARCHL3_W04] Knows various directions of archaeological research, such as processual archaeology, cognitive archaeology, contextual archaeology, gender studies, etc.	Knows different paradigms and understands their importance in the process of building interpretations and archaeological narratives.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[ARCHL3_K02] Is ready to recognize the importance of knowledge in solving cognitive and practical problems and to consult experts in case of difficulties in solving the problem on his own in aspect of office analyses and field work	Student is ready to acknowledge the importance of knowledge in solving cognitive and practical problems and to seek expert opinions in the event of difficulties in independently solving a problem in the aspect of office analyses or field work in the field of archaeology.	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
Subject contents	[ARCHL3_U08] Can independently plan and implement his/her own lifelong learning	Student solves basic issues in the field of archaeological studies in a skillful manner by selecting and verifying data. Is able to assess the correctness of the source bases and methodological interpretations in archaeology.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	What is archaeology? Between the humanities and the natural sciences. Basic concepts of archaeology and auxiliary sciences of archaeology. Narratives in archaeology: classical evolutionism, historical-cultural archaeology, diffusionism and migrationism, functionalism and processual archaeology, structuralism, cognitive archaeology. post-processual archaeology. The limits and future of archaeology. Archaeological sources and source-creating processes, Archaeological excavations as a way of learning about the past. Dating in archaeology. Analyzing the past. From arte- to ecofacts, Classifications in archaeology. The social context of archaeology. Who does the past belong to? Archaeology of identity. protection of archaeological heritage. Ethics in archaeology.		
Prerequisites and co-requisites	Basic knowledge of universal prehistory, ability to read independently.		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	exam/test	51.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	Ashmore, W., R.J. Sharer, R.J., 2008. Odkrywanie przeszłości. Wprowadzenie do archeologii. Krakow: Avalon. Renfrew, C., Bahn, P., 2002. Archeologia. Teorie, metody, praktyka. Prószyński i s-ka. Johnson, M., 2013. Teoria archeologii. Wprowadzenie. Krakow: Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Jagiellońskiego	

	Supplementary literature	Barnard, A., Antropologia. Zarys teorii i historii. Warszawa: Panstwowy Instytut Wydawniczy, 2006
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	1. What is science?2. What is the source of knowledge in archaeology?3. What is a paradigm? What are the basic paradigms used in archaeology?4. Basic principles of archaeological heritage protection.5. The social context of archaeology.	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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