

Subject card

Subject name and code	Theory of archaeology, PG_00168078						
Field of study	Archaeology						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject		2025/2026		
Education level	Master'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	the student's acquaintance with the specificity and tasks of archaeology in the contemporary discourse on the past						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[ARCHMU2_K06] Is ready to responsibly perform professional roles, taking into account changing needs of society, including: - developing the achievements of the profession, - maintaining the ethos of the profession, - observing and developing the principles of professional ethics and acting to uphold these principles	The student is ready to perform professional roles responsibly, taking into account changing social needs, including: developing the achievements of the profession and observing and developing the principles of professional ethics.	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[ARCHMU2_W02] Has an in-depth knowledge of the connections between archaeology and other sciences, allowing to integrate the achievements of various disciplines in the study of a selected era	The student has in-depth knowledge of the connections between archaeology and other disciplines, allowing him or her to integrate and synthesize achievements.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[ARCHMU2_W03] Knows to an in-depth degree the terminology, theories, methodology and tools of description in the field of archaeology and related sciences	The student knows the specialized terminology, methodology and description tools in the field of archaeology and auxiliary sciences.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[ARCHMU2_W08] Knows and understands the economic, legal, ethical and other conditions of various types of professional activities related to archaeology	The student knows and understands the ethical conditions of various types of professional activity of an archaeologist.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[ARCHMU2_K01] Is ready to critically evaluate his/her knowledge and received content	The student is ready to critically evaluate the knowledge he possesses and acquires.	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[ARCHMU2_U02] Can formulate and test hypotheses related to simple research problems	The student is able to formulate and test hypotheses related to simple research problems.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[ARCHMU2_U01] Is able to use the knowledge he possesses – formulate and solve complex and unusual theoretical and practical problems through: - proper selection of sources and information derived from them, evaluation, critical analysis, synthesis and presentation of this information, - selection and application of appropriate methods and tools, including advanced information and communication techniques, - adaptation of existing methods and tools or development of new ones	The student is able to use the acquired knowledge through the appropriate selection of sources and information derived from them, their critical analysis and synthesis, the application of existing or the development of new methods and tools.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[ARCHMU2_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	The student is ready to recognize the importance of knowledge in solving problems and to seek expert opinions in the event of difficulties in solving a problem on his or her own.	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
Subject contents	Basic issues: science, types of science, inference and explanation. Archaeology as a historical science. Theory of the archaeological source. Archaeological culture. Paradigms in archaeology.		
Prerequisites and co-requisites	Basic knowledge of archaeology		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	test/exam	51.0%	100.0%

Recommended reading	Basic literature	Johnson M., Teoria archeologii. Wprowadzenie, Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Jagiellońskiego, 2013 Tabaczyński S. (red.), Kultury archeologiczne a rzeczywistość dziejowa, Warszawa, 2000 Tabaczyński S., Marciniak A., Cyngot D., Zalewska A. (red.), Przeszłość społeczna. Próba konceptualizacji. Wydawnictwo Poznańskie, 2012 Zalewska A., Teoria źródła archeologicznego i historycznego we współczesnej refleksji metodologicznej, Lublin, 2005
	Supplementary literature	Hodder I. (ed), Archaeological Theory Today, Polity, 2010
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	1. Demarcation of science from other spheres of human activity 2. Characteristics of historical sciences 3. Archaeological culture - scope and understanding of the concept 4. Reductive reasoning 5. Explanation in historical sciences	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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