

Subject card

Subject name and code	Polish Cultural Memory, PG_00130535						
Field of study	Cultural Studies						
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		4.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		credit		
Conducting unit	Division of Culture Studies -> Institute of Culture Studies -> Faculty of Languages -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Magdalena Sacha				
	Teachers		dr Magdalena Sacha				
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		68.0	100
Subject objectives	The lecture aims to sensitize students to the issues of thoroughly analyzing and understanding the historical processes that occurred in the past of the Polish Republic, the role of sites of memory and non-memory in shaping the cultural memory of post-war Polish society, and the highlights and shadows of contemporary historical policy. The lecture builds on high school-level knowledge of Polish history, but its goal is the critical analysis of historical memory - pointing out alternatives, analyzing dominant narratives, and the "invisible" groups in the standard presentation of school history.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[KULL3_W04] Student has general knowledge about social, philosophical, and historical issues that form the foundation for reflection on culture and art.	The student has an organized general knowledge of social, philosophical, and historical issues of the former Polish Republic and theories of memory.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[KULL3_K04] Student is aware of the responsibility for preserving cultural and artistic heritage.	The student is aware of the responsibility for preserving the cultural and artistic heritage of the Polish Republic, including its historical and contemporary ethnic and national minorities.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
	[KULL3_K03] Student correctly identifies and resolves problems related to the cultural studies profession, whether specializing in cultural criticism and popularization, cultural animation, or electronic media culture and website editing.	The student correctly identifies and resolves issues related to the profession of a cultural studies specialist in the theory and practice of cultural memory concerning the history of the Polish Republic.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
	[KULL3_U05] Student demonstrates the ability to present well-substantiated arguments (utilizing the views of other authors) and formulating conclusions.	The student possesses the ability to substantively argue (using the views of other authors) and formulate conclusions about the tensions and relationships between historiography and the practice of cultural memory.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SU2] presentation/project/paper/report [SU8] observation of student's independent or team work
	[KULL3_U01] Student conducts searches, analyzing, evaluating, and selecting information using various media while respecting intellectual property.	The student is able to search for, analyze, evaluate, and select information about the history of Poland in Europe using various media while respecting intellectual property.	[SU8] observation of student's independent or team work
	[KULL3_W05] Student has specific knowledge in the areas of cultural anthropology, cultural history, popular culture, indigenous cultures, regional studies, museum studies, and religion. Additionally, they have specialized knowledge in a chosen professional field.	The student has organized detailed knowledge of the intricacies of the history of the Polish Republic and its nations, as well as the contemporary use of cultural memory in social and political practice.	[SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SW2] presentation/project/paper/report

Subject contents	The lecture is devoted to the history of Poland (understood as a multinational Republic) in the context of the theory and practice of cultural memory.Examples of issues (depending on the lecturer's decision): 1. Theories of cultural memory. 2. Topos of freedom and Polish memorial sites. 3. Slavic culture and its relics in contemporary Polish culture. 4. Medieval universalism in Europe and its influence on intellectual development in medieval Poland. 5. The Golden Age of Polish culture and its socio-economic conditions. 6. Reformation and Counter-Reformation in Poland - cultural and political effects. 7. Culture of the settled nations of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth: Poles, Lithuanians, Ruthenians. 8. The contribution of refugees and migrants to Polish culture: Jews, Germans, Karaimes, Mennonites and others. 9. Specificity of the Polish Baroque: Sarmatism as a unique cultural formation. 10. The Enlightenment in Europe and its impact on the development of science in Poland. 11. Romanticism as the dominant form of Polish culture in periods of national independence. 12. His-stories and her-stories in Polish culture and history. 13. Cultural life of the Second Polish Republic in the interwar period. 14. World War II as the planned liquidation of Polish culture. The destruction of the Jewish nation. 15. Alternative visions of the development of the history of the Republic of Poland.														
Prerequisites and co-requisites															
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed															
Work placement	Not applicable														

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