University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Post-Soviet Space: History, Languages, Culture, PG_00179164		
Field of study	History		
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025	Academic year of realisation of subject	2025/2026
Education level	Bachelor's studies	Subject group	
Mode of study	full-time studies	Mode of delivery	at the university
Year of study	1	Language of instruction	Polish Polish
Semester of study	2	ECTS credits	2.0
Learning profile	academic	Assessment form	credit
Conducting unit	Division of Russian Language and Translation Studies -> Institute of Russian and Eastern Studies -> Faculty of Languages -> Rector		
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor	dr Ewa Konefał	
	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	0.0	20.0	50

Subject objectives

The aim of this lecture is to: 1) Introduce the historical background that shaped the contemporary post-Soviet space; 2) Define the linguistic diversity of the region and determine the historical and current status of the Russian language in its countries; 3) Discuss the cultural heritage of the peoples inhabiting this area, especially those sites and traditions listed on UNESCO's tangible and intangible heritage lists.

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	The student is aware of the scope of their knowledge regarding the dynamics of change in the post-Soviet space, identifies areas requiring further in-depth study and precision in understanding the specifics of the post-Soviet region, and engages in the development of personal and social competencies by building a broader perspective.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion
	The student is able to formulate coherent and logical arguments regarding the complexity of historical, linguistic, social, and cultural processes in the post-Soviet region, referencing the views of recognized authors and researchers in the given field.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion
	The student has knowledge of the subject-specific characteristics of history, linguistics, and cultural and religious studies in the context of research on the historical processes, linguistic diversity, and cultural heritage of post-Soviet countries.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SK4] test/exam - oral or written

Subject contents

This involves approximating the historical background that shaped the contemporary post-Soviet space. It includes a discussion of the history, ethnic and linguistic diversity, and cultural heritage (tangible and intangible) of the former Soviet republics: Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Belarus, Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, and Turkmenistan.

Prerequisites and co-requisites

Assessment methods and criteria

Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
active participation in classes	51.0%	10.0%
written test	51.0%	90.0%

Recommended reading

Basic literature

Encyklopedia historyczna świata. Tom VIII-XI, Kraków 2001-2002.

Kozyrska A., Status języka rosyjskiego na obszarze poradzieckim. Stan prawny zagrożenia perspektywy wyzwania, Politeja 2023, 2 (83), s. 119-147 https://doi.org/10.12797/Politeja.20.2023.83.06

Majewicz A., Języki świata i ich klasyfikowanie, Warszawa 1989.

Supplementary literature

Eberhardt P., Skład narodowościowy ludności Federacji Rosyjskiej na przełomie XX i XXI wieku, Studia z Geografii Politycznej i Historycznej, 2016, t. 5, s. 209-236.

Kłaczyński R., Sadowska E., Postradzieckie państwa Azji Centralnej. Historia, polityka, gospodarka, społeczeństwo, Kraków 2013.

Kuryłowicz M., Tarcza czy miecz? O dwuznacznej roli języka rosyjskiego w radzieckiej Azji Centralnej, [w:] Idea i komunikacja w języku i kulturze rosyjskiej, pod red. A. Dudka, Kraków 2010, s. 273-280.

Maryański A., Przemiany ludnościowe w ZSRR, Warszawa-Kraków 1995.

	eResources addresses	Basic https://www.unesco.pl/kultura/dziedzictwo-kulturowe/dziedzictwo-niematerialne/listy-dziedzictwa-niematerialnego/ - Polish National Commission for UNESCO. Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity https://www.unesco.pl/kultura/dziedzictwo-kulturowe/swiatowe-dziedzictwo/lista-swiatowego-dziedzictwa/ - Polish National Commission for UNESCO. World Heritage List
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	no	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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