University of Gdańsk

# Subject card

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| Subject name and code | How many languages do Poles speak in Poland? The diversity of contemporary Polish, PG_00180132 | | |
| Field of study | German Studies, Polish Studies, Romance and Iberian Studies, Applied Linguistics, Logopedics, Scandinavian Studies | | |
| Date of commencement of studies | October 2025 | Academic year of realisation of subject | 2025/2026 |
| Education level | Master's studies | Subject group | |
| Mode of study | full-time studies | Mode of delivery | at the university |
| Year of study | 1 | Language of instruction | Polish<br>Polish |
| Semester of study | 2 | ECTS credits | 2.0 |
| Learning profile | academic | Assessment form | credit |
| Conducting unit | | | |
| Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers) | Subject supervisor | prof. dr hab. Aneta Lewińska | |
| | Teachers | | |

**Lesson types**

| Lesson type | Lecture | Tutorial | Laboratory | Project | Seminar | SUM |
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| 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 |
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| Number of study hours | 30 | 2.0 | 18.0 | 50 |

**Subject objectives**

To introduce students to the problem of differentiation of contemporary Polish language and the social implications of this problem, the role of language in upbringing and the linguistic conditions and limitations of communication in various communication situations (including education).

**Learning outcomes**

| Course outcome | Subject outcome | Method of verification |
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| | Student:<br>- distinguishes between the different categories concerning the differentiation of the contemporary Polish language,<br>- characterise educational and social problems resulting from the linguistic diversity of society<br>- perceives and defines the linguistic conditions and limitations of communication<br>- understand the impact of language on social behaviour | [SK2] presentation/project/paper/ report |

**Subject contents**

Language functions. Linguistic differentiation at the territorial level - regional ways of speaking [ethnolects and ethno-languages]. Linguistic differentiation at the social level [languages of classes, strata and social environments] - B. Bernstein's theory of codes. Bernstein's theory of codes. Linguistic differentiation at the stylistic level. Colloquial language [colloquial speech] as the basic plane of communication. The ethics of words.

**Prerequisites and co-requisites**

**Assessment methods and criteria**

| Subject passing criteria | Passing threshold | Percentage of the final grade |
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| development and presentation of an issue related to the subject of the lecture | 51.0% | 65.0% |
| attendance at the lecture | 51.0% | 35.0% |

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| Recommended reading | Basic literature | • Grabias S. (2019), Language in social behaviour, Lublin.<br>• Encyclopaedia of the Polish language (1994), Warsaw. |
| | Supplementary literature | • Kurcz Ida (2005), Psychology of language and communication, Warsaw.<br>• The problem of language and text function in the light of speech act theory, [in:] Grzegorczykowa Renata, On the so-called representative function of language in the light of more recent psycholinguistic research, Language and Culture, vol. 20, Wrocław 2008.<br>• Warchala J., (2003), The category of colloquiality in language, Katowice.<br>• Lewińska A. (2015), Lexical regionalisms in the speech of the inhabitants of Tczew, [in] The Regional Polish, cz. 8 / edited by Dorota Cyż, Ostrołęka, pp. 163-176. |
| | eResources addresses | Basic<br>https://bazhum.muzhp.pl/media/texts/przeglad-socjologiczny-sociological-review/1986-tom-34-numer-1/przeglad_socjologiczny_sociological_review-r1986-t34-n1-s7-40.pdf - B. Bernstein, Codes and their varieties, education and the process of cultural reproduction<br>Supplementary<br>http://www.dialektologia.uw.edu.pl/index.php - Description of Polish dialects. |
| Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed | Discuss the linguistic specificities of your region/your community. | |
| Work placement | Not applicable | |

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