University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Port Cities - Past and Present, PG_00183851						
Field of study	Sightseeing and Historical Tourism						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026		Academic year of realisation of subject		2027/2028		
Education level	Master's studies		Subject group		Obligatory subject group in the field of study		
Mode of study	full-time studies		Mode of delivery		at the university		
Year of study	2		Language of instruction		Polish		
Semester of study	3		ECTS credits		1.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		credit		
Conducting unit	Division of Regional Development -> Institute of Socio-Economic Geography and Spatial Management -> Faculty of Social Sciences -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Małgorzata Pacuk				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	15.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15
	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	15		2.0		8.0	25
Subject objectives	To familiarize students with selected issues related to urbanization processes - genesis and development of port cities, environmental, economic and social conditions of their development and transformation and current functions						

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[KiTHMU2_W03] In-depth knowledge of the methods, research problems, and research methodology of selected fields of history, including regional, social, economic, and cultural history; advanced knowledge of the subject matter and methodological specificity of history and management and quality sciences	The student is familiar with the interrelationships of scientific fields and disciplines such as geography, spatial management, economics, architecture, which allows for the integration of perspectives specific to these disciplines in the study of urban transformation processes.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
[KiTHMU2_W04] Has in-depth knowledge of selected issues in the field of history and science of management and quality	The student knows the main directions of development and the most important achievements in the study of contemporary urbanisation processes; defines the determinants of urban transformation and revitalisation processes; characterises the course and spatial, social, economic and environmental effects of port city development processes.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
[KiTHMU2_U05] Correctly uses professional terminology in speech and writing appropriate to the disciplines of history, management and quality sciences.	Students will be able to use the following terms to describe selected aspects of urbanisation processes	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
[KiTHMU2_K06] Recognizes and formulates ethical problems related to professional work and popularization of knowledge	Correctly identifies and resolves dilemmas related to the profession; defines the problems and barriers of contemporary transformation of port cities	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion

Subject contents

Lecture topics:
1. Port and port city - interdependence of development
2. Evolution of economic functions of contemporary seaports
3. Transformation of port-industrial areas and their new functions
4. Functional and spatial transformation of port cities - problems of revitalisation
5. Development history and selected problems of contemporary port cities

Prerequisites and co-requisites

The student should have a basic knowledge of socio-economic geography

Assessment methods and criteria

Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
Oral statement	51.0%	20.0%
Written test	51.0%	80.0%

Recommended reading

Basic literature

Gołota K., 2013, Historical types of economic powers: Carthage - Venice - England, Myśl Ekonomiczna i Polityczna nr 1 (40), s. 17-40

Kaczmarek S., 2001, Revitalising brownfield sites. A new dimension in urban development, Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Łódzkiego, Łódź

Kochanowski M. (ed.),1998, Contemporary metamorphoses of port cities, Wydawnictwo Politechniki Gdańskiej, Gdańsk

Lorens P., 2013, Post-port areas revitalization problems, Instytut Studiów Regionalnych, Szczecin

Słodczyk J., 2012, History of urban planning and construction. Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Opolskiego, Opole.

Szwankowski S., 2000, The functioning and development of seaports, Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Gdańskiego, Gdańsk

	Supplementary literature	Ackroyd P., 2015, Venice. Biography, Wydawnictwo Zysk, Poznań Lorens P. Martyniuk-Pęczek J. (eds.), 2009, Selected issues of urban revitalization, Wydawnictwo Urbanista, Gdańsk Meyer H.,1999, City and port, International Books, Utrecht Neider J., 2013, The development of Polish seaports, Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Gdańskiego, Gdańsk Pacuk M. (red.), 2006, Selected problems of urban transformation in northern Poland, Regiony Nadmorskie 12, Wydawnictwo Bernardinum Gdynia-Pelplin Szymańska D., 2007, Urbanisation in the world, Wydawnictwo Naukowe PWN, Warszawa Zaremba P., 1962, Urban planning of port cities, Szczecińskie Towarzystwo Naukowe, Szczecin
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	The transformation of modern seaports Cultural heritage and the process of revitalising port-industrial areas The problem of overtourism in port cities	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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