University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	History of Southern Slavic - lecture, PG_00189597		
Field of study	Slavic Studies		
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026	Academic year of realisation of subject	2026/2027
Education level	Bachelor'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	1	Language of instruction	Polish
Semester of study	1	ECTS credits	3.0
Learning profile	academic	Assessment form	exam
Conducting unit	Division of Slavonic and Balkan Studies -> Institute of Classical and Slavonic Studies -> Faculty of Languages -> Rector		
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor	dr hab. Dušan-Vladislav Paždjerski	
	Teachers	mgr Michał Pejasz	

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	43.0	75

Subject objectives	The aim of the course is to familiarize students with the basic facts from the history of three Slavic nations in the Balkans: Bulgarians, Serbs and Croats. This is supplemented with political and historical problems that have arisen in recent years, i.e. the history of Montenegro, Macedonia and selected issues from the history of Albania and Turkey. This applies to medieval, modern and recent times. When discussing modern times and the newest of these nations, it is necessary to point out the specificity of the formation of modern nations in the Balkans and the conditions of this process.

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[SLAWL3_W09] Knows on the advanced level the ethnic structure of the Southern Slavic area and has advanced knowledge of its diachronic and synchronic conditions and manifestations.	Student knows the ethnic structure of the Southern Slavic area (K_W09);	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
[SLAWL3_U08] Has the ability to prepare oral presentations, in Polish or in the language of the field, on specific issues, using basic theoretical approaches and various sources.	Student: - has the ability to substantively argue and formulate conclusions on issues related to culture, history, political situation, religious diversity of the Southern Slavic region, using the views of other authors (K_U05); - is able to prepare and deliver an oral presentation/statement, in Polish, on specific issues, using basic theoretical approaches and various sources (K_U08).	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
[SLAWL3_U05] Is able to communicate, including in foreign languages, with those around them, formulate logically sound arguments, and take part in debates on the fundamental dilemmas of the modern world (e.g. tradition versus modernisation, nationalism versus globalism) in the context of the South Slavic countries.	The student recognizes and respects differences in points of view determined by different national and cultural backgrounds (K_K01).	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
[SLAWL3_K01] Is aware of the level of knowledge acquired about Southeastern Europe and its languages, and is able to critically evaluate this knowledge.	The student has a basic knowledge of its diachronic and synchronic conditions and manifestations (K_W09).	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SK4] test/exam - oral or written

Subject contents

The establishment of the Slavic states: the Croatian and Serbian Kingdoms, the Bulgarian Empire. Small Balkan states: Bosnian Banowina, Dukla, Kingdom of Zeta. Turkish conquests in the Balkans in the 14th and 15th centuries. The situation of the Balkan Slavs under Turkish rule. Balkan Slavs towards the wars of Catholic Europe with the Ottoman Empire in the 16th and 17th centuries. The origins of the national revival of the Slavs in the Balkans. The formation of the modern Montenegrin state. Serbian autonomy in the Ottoman Empire in the first half of the 19th century. Bulgarian national movement in the first half of the 19th century. National movements in the Balkans after the Crimean War. The Great Balkan Crisis (1875-1878) and the emergence of independent South Slavic states. The Balkans after the Berlin Congress, the problem of the Macedonian national movement. The Young Turkish Revolution and the increase in tension in the Balkans before the outbreak of World War I. Balkan states during World War I. The Balkans in the interwar period. World War II in the Balkans. New political map of the Balkan Peninsula after World War II. The collapse of socialist Yugoslavia and the emergence of nation states. The problem of Kosovo at the turn of the 20th and 21st centuries.

Prerequisites and co-requisites

None

Assessment methods and criteria

Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
attendance at classes	80.0%	5.0%
A test with open questions	51.0%	95.0%

Recommended reading

Basic literature

- J. Skowronek, M. Tanty, T. Wasilewski, Słowianie południowi i zachodni VI-XX wiek, Warszawa 2005.
- M. Tanty, Bałkany w XX wieku. Dzieje polityczne, Warszawa 2003.
- T. Wasilewski, Historia Bułgarii, Wrocław 1988.
- Stawowy-Kawka, Historia Macedonii, Wrocław 1992.
- T. Czekalski, J. Hauziński, J. Leśny, Historia Albanii, Wrocław 2009.

	Supplementary literature	• H. Batowski, Konflikty narodowe w państwach sukcesyjnych. Z polityki międzynarodowej XX wieku. Wybór studiów z lat 1930-1935, Warszawa 1979. • H. Batowski, Podstawy sojuszu bałkańskiego 1912 r. Studium z historii dyplomatycznej 1806-1912, Kraków 1939. • F. Bernaś, Cień Czarnej ręki. Z kart politycznych dziejów państw bałkańskich w latach 1878-1918, Warszawa 1991. • Państwa bałkańskie w polityce imperializmu niemieckiego w latach 1871-1945, Poznań 1982. • L. Durković-Jakšić, Z dziejów stosunków jugosłowiańsko-polskich 1772-1840, Wrocław 1977. • Ż. Milisavac, Dzieje Macierzy Serbskiej 1826-1967, Wrocław 1970. • J. Skowronek, Sprzymierzeńcy narodów bałkańskich, Warszawa 1983. • M. Tanty, Bosfor i Dardanele w polityce mocarstw, Warszawa 1982. • M. Tanty, Konflikty bałkańskie w latach 1878-1918, Warszawa 1968. • L. Widerszal, Bułgarski ruch narodowy 1856-1872, Warszawa 1937.
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed		
Work placement	Not applicable	

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