University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	The History of the Balkans - lecture, PG_00190220						
Field of study	Slavic Studies						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026		Academic year of realisation of subject	2026/2027			
Education level	Master's studies		Subject group	Obligatory subject group in the field of study Optional subject group 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	3.0			
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form	exam			
Conducting unit	Institute of Classical and Slavonic Studies -> Faculty of Languages -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr hab. Dušan-Vladislav Paždjerski				
	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		2.0		43.0	75
Subject objectives	To familiarize students with the history of the Balkans from the beginning of the 19th century to the 20th century.						

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[SLAWMU2_K06] He is prepared to initiate and lead a substantive debate on the cultural and ethnic dilemmas of the Balkans, demonstrating openness to a diversity of views, respect for religious and national differences, and ensuring that the discussion is conducted in an ethical and fact-based manner.	The student recognizes and respects the differences in points of view on the Balkan Peninsula, knowing the complicated location of the countries located there, determined by their national and cultural background (K_K06).	[SK3] text preparation/written work [SK4] test/exam - oral or written
[SLAWMU2_W11] Has in-depth knowledge of the cultural, ethnic and religious diversity of the Balkans, including the fundamental dilemmas of modern civilisation and the conflicts of values associated with political transition, European integration and the protection of the identities of national and religious minorities in the region.	Student: - has in-depth detailed knowledge about the specificity of the South Slavic and Balkan countries, their history and mutual relations (K_W06); - has knowledge about the contemporary geopolitical situation of South Slavic countries (K_W11).	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW3] text preparation/written work
[SLAWMU2_W07] Knows and deeply understands the methods of analysis, interpretation and evaluation of the various products of South Slavic and Balkan culture.	Student: - has in-depth detailed knowledge about the specificity of the South Slavic and Balkan countries, their history and mutual relations (K_W06); - has in-depth detailed knowledge of the history and culture of the South Slavic countries in the Balkan context (K_W07); - has knowledge about the contemporary geopolitical situation of South Slavic countries (K_W11).	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW3] text preparation/written work
[SLAWMU2_W06] Posseses the structured and theoretically based knowledge about the cultural history and culture of the Balkans.	The student has in-depth detailed knowledge of the history and culture of South Slavic countries in the Balkan context (K_W07);	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW3] text preparation/written work
[SLAWMU2_U06] Has the ability to formulate critical opinions about cultural products based on scientific knowledge and their experiences, and the ability to present critical studies - also in South Slavic languages - in various forms and medias.	The student is able to correctly formulate a substantive statement about the political and cultural history of the countries of the Balkan Peninsula (K_U06).	[SU3] text preparation/written work [SU4] test/exam - oral or written

Subject contents

The awakening of nations 1804-1830.Self-determination, constitutions and revolutions 1830-1856.Balkan countries under the weakening influence of great powers, 1856-1878.Imperial Balkans during crises and reforms 1856-1878.From the Congress of Berlin to 1900 (Romania and the South Slavs).From the Congress of Berlin to 1900 (Bulgaria and Türkiye).End of the 19th century (Türkiye, Serbia, Montenegro, Macedonia, Bulgaria).End of the 19th century (Greece, Romania and the Balkan Wars).World War I and the Treaty of Versailles 1914-1920.1920s - losers.1920s - winners.1930s (Yugoslavia and Bulgaria).1930s (Greece, Romania and Albania).World War II 1939-1945.

Prerequisites and co-requisites

none

Assessment methods and criteria

Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
final colloquium	51.0%	50.0%
oral exam	51.0%	50.0%

Recommended reading

Basic literature

used during classes

S. K. Pavlovic, Istorija Balkana, Beograd 2001.

studied independently by the student

B. Jelavich, Historia Bałkanów. Wiek XVII i XIX, Kraków 2005.

B. Jelavich, Historia Bałkanów. Wiek XX, Kraków 2005

	Supplementary literature	Wprowadzenie do studiów wschodnioeuropejskich. T. I, Bałkany: Przeszłość-teraźniejszość-przyszłość, red. W. Paruch, Lublin 2013. T. Stojanović, Balkanska civilizacija, Beograd 1995. M. Waldenberg, Rozbicie Jugosławii. Jugosłowiańskie lustro międzynarodowej polityki, Kraków 2005.
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed		
Work placement	Not applicable	

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