University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	History of Law - Auditorium Classes, PG_00138618		
Field of study	Law		
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026	Academic year of realisation of subject	2026/2027
Education level	uniform Master's studies	Subject group	Obligatory subject group in the field of study Subject group related to scientific research in the field of study
Mode of study	part-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	credit
Conducting unit	Faculty of Law and Administration -> Rector		
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor	dr Maria Lewandowicz	
	Teachers	dr Dawid Michalski dr Maria Lewandowicz	

Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	0.0	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10
	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	10	0.0	65.0	75

Subject objectives	Provide knowledge of the evolution of basic legal principles and institutions from the Middle Ages to modern times, as well as the ability to understand and interpret historical legal sources in political, economic, cultural and social contexts and use them in legal work

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[PRAWOJ5_K06] prepares responsibly for work, is able to set priorities and organise work accordingly	prepares for work responsibly, is able to set priorities, and plans tasks appropriately	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SK3] text preparation/written work [SK4] test/exam - oral or written
[PRAWOJ5_U09] is able to identify and analyse problems arising from social, technological and economic developments, and to generate solutions and justify the adopted position	is able to identify and analyze moral dilemmas, develop solutions, and justify the positions taken	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
[PRAWOJ5_U06] is able to use theoretical knowledge to analyse and interpret complex legal problems, generate solutions to them and predict the consequences of planned actions	possesses theoretical knowledge to analyze and interpret complex legal problems, generate solutions, and anticipate the consequences of planned actions	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
[PRAWOJ5_W02] has an in-depth knowledge and understanding of the historical development of various legal systems and institutions	has an in-depth knowledge and understanding of the historical development of various legal systems and institutions	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
[PRAWOJ5_W01] has an in-depth and structured knowledge of the legal sciences and is familiar with the terminology and concepts of law and related fields	has in-depth and well-structured knowledge of legal sciences and is familiar with the terminology and concepts in law and related fields	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
[PRAWOJ5_U05] has the ability to observe and interpret social phenomena, and analyses their links with various areas of law and related disciplines	possesses skills in observing and interpreting social phenomena and analyzes their connections with various areas of law and related disciplines	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU3] text preparation/written work [SU4] test/exam - oral or written

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. Evolution of civil law institutions - introductory issues (sources of civil law, civil doctrines, systematics). 2. personal and family law. 3. models of personal marriage law and matrimonial property regimes. 4. property and its limitations. Rules of real estate transactions. 5. limited rights in rem. The institution of mortgage. 6. sources of obligations. The principle of freedom of contract. Basis of liability for damages. 7. Rules of testamentary and non-testamentary inheritance. 8. The principles of civil procedure - from the Roman-canonical process to the modern civil process. 9. Evolution of criminal law institutions - introductory issues (sources of criminal law, criminal doctrines, the concept and division of crimes). 10. forms of guilt in criminal law. 11. forms of committing a crime. 12. Circumstances excluding the criminality of the act. 13. functions and types of punishment. 14. Principles of criminal procedure - from the medieval complaint trial to the modern mixed trial.

Prerequisites and co-requisites

Assessment methods and criteria

Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	60.0%	100.0%

Recommended reading

Basic literature	2. A. Dziadzio, Powszechna historia prawa, Warsaw 2023. 2. M. Kallas, Historia ustroju w Polsce, Warsaw 2019. 3. M. Sczaniecki, Powszechna historia państwa i prawa, Warsaw 2022.
Supplementary literature	1. J. Bardach, B. Lesnodorski, M. Pietrzak, Historia ustroju i prawa polskiego, Warsaw 2015. 2. A. Korobowicz, W. Witkowski, Historia ustroju i prawa polskiego (1772-1918), Warsaw 2017. 3. T. Maciejewski, Historia powszechna ustroju i prawa, Warsaw 2015. 4. T. Maciejewski, Historia ustroju i prawa sądowego Polski, Warsaw 2017. 5. K. Sójka-Zielińska, Historia prawa, Warsaw 2022. 6. W. Uruszczak, Historia państwa i prawa polskiego: 966-1795, Warsaw 2021. 7. M. Wąsowicz, Historia ustroju państw Zachodu. Outline of the lecture, Warsaw 2011.
eResources addresses	

Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed

- Evolution of the law of persons.
- Evolution of the rules of succession – testamentary and intestate succession.
- Evolution of the formal requirements for entering into marriage.
- Evolution of the stages of criminal offences.
- Evolution of punishment.
- Differences between the inquisitorial criminal procedure of the modern period and the modern mixed criminal procedure.
- Principles of Romano-canonical procedure.

Work placement

Not applicable

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