University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	History of Geographical Ideas -classes, PG_00198916		
Field of study	Geography		
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 Humanistic-social 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	1.0
Learning profile	academic	Assessment form	credit
Conducting unit	Division of Political Georgraphy -> Institute of Socio-Economic Geography and Spatial Management -> Faculty of Social Sciences -> Rector		
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor	dr Bartosz Korinth	
	Teachers		

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	1.0	14.0	25

Subject objectives

Periodization of the history of geography. The state of geographical knowledge in subsequent periods of its development: among primitive peoples, in antiquity (river cultures, Greece, Rome), in the Middle Ages (Europe, Arab countries), during the Renaissance, in the 17th-19th centuries and 20th centuries 2. Development of scientific theories and systems of geography throughout history. 3. Organization of geographical work and international cooperation. 4. Geographic schools and trends in geographical sciences in the 19th and 20th centuries. 5. Development of geography in Poland.

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[GEOGRL3-W01] has an advanced knowledge of the specifics of geography as a discipline integrating knowledge from various fields, its origins and development, as well as the specifics of Earth and environment sciences, their internal structure, subject of research, and place in the system of sciences	The student has advanced knowledge of the origins and development of geographical thought and understands the specificity of geography as a discipline integrating knowledge from various scientific fields. The student also understands the internal structure of geographical sciences, the main research paradigms of physical and human geography, the subject of geographical research, and the place of geography within the system of sciences.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[GEOGRL3-U05] can use scientific language and express opinions and discuss topics related to geography in Polish and a foreign language	The student uses scientific language appropriate to geography and is able to formulate oral and written statements as well as participate in discussions on the development of geographical thought and its significance for contemporary geographical research in Polish and in a foreign language.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion
[GEOGRL3-U03] can plan and conduct, independently and as part of a team, simple research in the field of geography under the supervision of a scientific advisor, based on the necessary information from professional literature and other sources	The student is able to plan and conduct – independently or in a team – a simple research procedure related to the history of geography and the development of geographical thought, using information obtained from scientific literature and other sources, under the supervision of an academic advisor.	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/ report
[GEOGRL3-U02] can use theoretical knowledge in the field of geography and available sources of information to correctly interpret basic natural, social, economic, and political processes and phenomena	The student uses theoretical knowledge from the history of geography and geographical sciences, as well as diverse information sources, to interpret basic natural, social, and economic processes and phenomena in the context of the development of geographical thought and the expansion of the geographical horizon.	[SU5] implementation of a problem task

Subject contents

- **Introduction to the History of Geographical Thought:** Geography in antiquity, the Middle Ages, and the Renaissance.
- **Classical Geographical Concepts:** Theories of Ptolemy, Strabo, Ibn Battuta.
- **Development of Geographical Thought in the 18th and 19th Centuries:** Scientific revolution, development of cartography, exploratory travels.
- **Modern Trends in Geography:** Humanistic geography, socio-economic geography, physical and regional geography.
- **Key Figures in 20th and 21st Century Geography:** Friedrich Ratzel, Carl Sauer, David Harvey.

Prerequisites and co-requisites

Assessment methods and criteria

Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
Test	51.0%	50.0%
Group work	51.0%	50.0%

Recommended reading

Basic literature	• Isaczenko A.G., 1975, "The Development of Geographical Thought," PWN, Warsaw. • Jackowski A., Liszewski S., Richling A. (eds.), 2008, "The History of Polish Geography," PWN, Warsaw.
Supplementary literature	1. Bodnarski M., 1959, Geografia antyczna, PWN, Warszawa. 2. Staszewski J., 1966, Historia nauki o Ziemi w zarysie, PWN, Warszawa.

	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed		
Work placement	Not applicable	

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