University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	History of Law - Lecture, PG_00138617		
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	4.0
Learning profile	academic	Assessment form	exam
Conducting unit	Department of History of Law -> Faculty of Law and Administration -> Rector		
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor	dr Maria Lewandowicz	
	Teachers	dr Maria Lewandowicz	

Lesson types

Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
Number of study hours	35.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	35

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	35	0.0	65.0	100

Subject objectives

Przekazanie wiedzy na temat ewolucji podstawowych zasad i instytucji prawnych od średniowiecza po czasy współczesne, jak również umiejętności rozumienia i interpretowania źródeł historycznoprawnych w kontekstach politycznych, gospodarczych, kulturowych i społecznych oraz wykorzystywania ich w pracy prawniczej.

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[PRAWOJ5_W05] identifies in depth the various forms of social life, including the rights and duties of individuals in different contexts, with particular reference to the phenomena of violation of the law and their consequences	demonstrates an in-depth ability to identify diverse forms of social life, including the rights and duties of individuals in various contexts, with particular attention to instances of law violations and their consequences	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[PRAWOJ5_K01] verifies the level of their knowledge and skills, and also understands the need for continuous learning and seeking assistance from experts.	is able to assess the level of their knowledge and skills and understands the need for continuous learning and consulting experts when necessary	[SK3] text preparation/written work [SK4] test/exam - oral or written
[PRAWOJ5_U05] has the ability to observe and interpret social phenomena, and analyses their links with various areas of law and related disciplines	possesses advanced skills in observing and interpreting social phenomena and analyzes their connections with various areas of law and related disciplines	[SU3] text preparation/written work [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
[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 the field of law and related disciplines	[SW4] 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
[PRAWOJ5_W08] has in-depth knowledge of the system, structure and functioning of the state	has an in-depth knowledge of the organization, structure, and principles of state functioning	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written

Subject contents

- Evolution of the fundamental institutions of public law – development of the constitutional principles of the modern state; theoretical foundations: Montesquieu, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau and Tocqueville.
- The political systems of absolutist states, the Polish–Lithuanian Commonwealth, Poland during the period of the Partitions, and the Second Polish Republic.
- Development of the catalogue of civil rights and freedoms.
- Evolution of the fundamental institutions of criminal law – sources of criminal law, criminal codifications, criminal law doctrines, the concept and classification of offences.
- Evolution of the fundamental institutions of civil law – sources of civil law, civil law doctrines, major civil law codifications, and commercial law codifications.

Prerequisites and co-requisites

Assessment methods and criteria

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

Recommended reading

Basic literature

- A. Dziadzio, *Powszechna historia prawa*, Warszawa 2023.

- M. Kallas, *Historia ustroju w Polsce*, Warszawa 2019.

- M. Sczaniecki, *Powszechna historia państwa i prawa*, Warszawa 2022.

Supplementary literature

- K. Sójka-Zielińska, *Historia prawa*, Warszawa 2022

eResources addresses

Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed

1. History of Polish Constitutions up to the Outbreak of World War II
2. History of Criminal Procedure in Europe up to the End of the 19th Century
3. History of Civil Procedure in Europe up to the End of the 19th Century
4. History of Judicial Law in Europe
5. History of Judicial Law in Poland

Work placement

Not applicable

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