University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	History of East Prussia, PG_00200518		
Field of study	German 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 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	2	ECTS credits	2.0
Learning profile	academic	Assessment form	credit
Conducting unit	Division of Methodology of History, History of Historiography and Archival Science -> Institute of History -> Faculty of History -> Rector		
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor	dr Anna Żeglińska	
	Teachers	dr Anna Żeglińska	

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	18.0	50

Subject objectives

The aim of the course is to familiarize students with the history of the system with special attention to the administrative divisions of the area of former East Prussia against the background of Polish-German relations, and to show the history of East Prussia as a land that over the centuries underwent transformations not only in terms of the system, but also changed state affiliation; to also sensitize to the use of regional history in the interests of various social and national groups and for the implementation of grand policies by individual states.

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[NIEML3_U05] Has the ability to argue substantively using the views of other authors and to formulate conclusions	He / she has the ability to argue substantively using the views of other authors and to formulate conclusions on the history of the area of former East Prussia.	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SU3] text preparation/written work
[NIEML3_K04] Is ready to take on professional challenges; thinks and acts in an entrepreneurial manner; exhibits perseverance in carrying out individual and team professional activities	He / she is ready to undertake professional challenges, resulting from the knowledge of the history of the area of former East Prussia; thinks and acts in an entrepreneurial manner; is characterized by perseverance in the implementation of individual and team activities.	[SK2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SK3] text preparation/written work
[NIEML3_K06] Is willing to adhere to the principles of professional ethics and require this of others	He / she is ready to adhere to the principles of professional ethics and require it of others.	[SK2] presentation/project/paper/ report
[NIEML3_W02] Has an advanced knowledge of the history of the countries of the German language area and of the territories historically associated with them	He / she knows to an advanced degree the history of the area of former East Prussia.	[SW2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SW3] text preparation/written work
[NIEML3_U09] Independently plans and implements actions leading to a continuous improvement of knowledge and skills, understands the need for continuous training and professional development	Independently plans and implements activities leading to the continuous expansion of knowledge and skills in the history of the area of former East Prussia and understands the need for continuous training and development.	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SU3] text preparation/written work
[NIEML3_U02] Is able to select sources correctly and apply research methods appropriate to the research skills of a historian and/or literary scholar	He / she is able to correctly select sources on the history of the area of former East Prussia correctly apply research methods appropriate to the research workshop of the historian.	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SU3] text preparation/written work
[NIEML3_K03] Is aware of the importance of the cultural heritage of Europe, especially of Central and Eastern Europe and the historical and cultural landscape of the German-Polish border region; is willing to act to protect and promote this heritage	He / she is aware of the importance of the cultural heritage of former East Prussia; he is ready to work for the protection and promotion of this heritage.	[SK2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SK3] text preparation/written work

Subject contents

Presentation of the history of the system with special attention to the administrative divisions of the area of former East Prussia against the background of Polish-German relations: the Teutonic state in Prussia. Ducal Prussia until 1618. The Prussian-Brandenburg state from 1618 to 1701. The Prussian absolute monarchy (1701-1806). The era of reforms, the period of the Restoration and the Spring of Nations (1807-1850). Prussian constitutional monarchy (1850-1871). Prussia in the German Reich (1871-1918). Prussia in the era of the Weimar Republic (1918-1933). In the Nazi Reich (1933-1945). Territorial divisions after World War II.

Prerequisites and co-requisites

Assessment methods and criteria

Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
Based on an oral presentation of a selected detailed issue that is the subject of the lectures (determined individually during classes).	51.0%	40.0%
Based on written work on issues covered by the lectures.	51.0%	60.0%

Recommended reading	Basic literature	Achremczyk Stanisław, Historia Warmii i Mazur. Od pradziejów do 1945 roku, Olsztyn 1992; Białuński Grzegorz, Jasiński Grzegorz, Mazury i Warmia do 1989 r. Zarys dziejów, w: Verba volant, scripta manet : 15 lat Wydziału Prawa i Administracji Uniwersytetu Warmińsko-Mazurskiego w Olsztynie, pod red. Piotra Majera, Przemysława Dąbrowskiego i Marty Stelmaszyńskiej, Olsztyn: Wydział Prawa i Administracji UWM, 2016, s. 149-176. Cieślak Tadeusz, Pomorze Wschodnie w XIX i XX wieku ze specjalnym uwzględnieniem podziałów administracyjnych, Olsztyn 1966. Engelmann Bernt, Prusy. Kraj nieograniczonych możliwości, przeł. Brygida Jodkowska, przedm. Stanisław Salmanowicz, Poznań: Wydawnictwo Poznańskie, 1984; Kossert Andreas, Ostpreußen. Geschichte und Mythos, München 2005. [wyd. polskie: A. Kossert, Prusy Wschodnie. Historia i mit, Warszawa 2009]. Salmonowicz Stanisław, Studia historycznoprawne, Toruń: Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Mikołaja Kopernika, 1995. Salmonowicz Stanisław, Prusy : dzieje państwa i społeczeństwa, Poznań: Wydaw. Poznańskie, 1987; Warszawa : "Książka i Wiedza", 1998; Warszawa : "Książka i Wiedza", 2004. Traba Robert., Wschodniopruskość. Tożsamość regionalna i narodowa w kulturze politycznej Niemiec, Poznań 2005. Węzłowe problemy dziejów Prus XVII-XX wieku : materiały z sesji naukowej UAM, (11 i 12 VI 1970): praca zbiorowa / pod red. Gerarda Labudy. A.2. Studiowana samodzielnie przez studenta: Prusy Wschodnie. Wspólnota wyobrażona. Wybór wstęp i oprac.: Hubert Orłowski i Rafał Żytyniec tłum. Jerzy Kałążny i Rafał Żytyniec, Poznań 2019, s. 884;
	Supplementary literature	Białuński Grzegorz, "Gerichte und Gerechtigkeit, auch andere gute Policey und Ordnung" = Studia z dziejów prawa i ustroju na ziemiach pruskich, Olsztyn: Pracownia Wydawnictw Naukowych, 2016; BiałuńskiGrzegorz, Jasiński Grzegorz, A brief history of Warmia and Mazury, Dąbrówno : Oficyna Wydawnicza Retman, 2014. Jasiński Janusz, Między Prusami a Polską. Rozprawy i szkice z dziejów Warmii i Mazur w XVIII-XX wieku, Olsztyn 2003.Kossert Andreas, Masuren-Ostpreußens vergessener Süden, Berlin 2001.Preussen in Ostmitteleuropa. Geschehensgeschichte und Verstehensgeschichte, (HG.) Matthias Weber, Oldenburg 2003.Prusy Książęce i Prusy Królewskie w XVI-XVIII wieku, pod redakcją Jacka Wijaczki, Kielce 1997. Prusy Wschodnie w polskiej opinii publicznej XIX i XX wieku, red. naukowa Zbigniew Fras, Olsztyn 1992. Zakon krzyżacki w Prusach i Inflantach: podziały administracyjne i kościelne w XIII-XVI wieku / pod red. Romana Czai i Andrzeja Radzimińskiego; oprac. Marian Arszyński [et al.], Toruń: Wydawnictwo Naukowe Uniwersytetu Mikołaja Kopernika, 2013.
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed		
Work placement	Not applicable	

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