University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Contemporary Socio-Political and Economic Problems of German Countries (Classes), PG_00200540						
Field of study	German Studies						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026		Academic year of realisation of subject	2028/2029			
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	3		Language of instruction	Polish			
Semester of study	5		ECTS credits	1.0			
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form	credit			
Conducting unit	Division of Eastern Europe History -> Institute of History -> Faculty of History -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr hab. Grzegorz Berendt, prof. UG				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	0.0	15.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15
	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	15		2.0		8.0	25
Subject objectives	The exercises should deal with the problems of post-unified Germany in terms of social relations, the political system and current economic problems. As part of the exercises, students should do practical work using contemporary media - press, reportage, interview, literature, etc.						

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[NIEML3_W09] Knows and understands the economic, legal, ethical, and other conditions affecting various types of professional activity in the areas of Polish-German relations and history, as well as the key dilemmas of contemporary civilisation related to the functioning of European societies.	Knows and understands the basic economic, legal, ethical and cultural conditions affecting contemporary relations and cooperation between Poland and German-speaking countries in the context of current international challenges and processes.	[SW2] presentation/project/paper/ report
[NIEML3_K05] Is ready to perform professional roles responsibly.	Be able to perform professional roles responsibly in an international and intercultural environment, taking into account the contemporary socio-political and economic realities of the German countries and the importance of sound knowledge in building relations between countries	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion
[NIEML3_W04] Has advanced and well-structured knowledge of literary studies, including its terminology, theories, and methodology.	Has a structured general knowledge, including terminology, theories and methods used in the analysis of contemporary social, political and economic problems of German- Speaking countries, and understands their cultural and historical conditions	[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion [SW2] presentation/project/paper/ report
[NIEML3_U01] Is able to use his/ her knowledge to formulate and solve problems, acquiring and analysing information; is able to develop and present the results of his/her research	Is able to use his/her knowledge to formulate and solve problems relating to the socio-political-economic situation of German countries; is able to acquire, analyse and interpret data and to develop and present the results of his/her own analysis and research	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/ report
[NIEML3_K01] Critically evaluates his/her knowledge, demonstrates a willingness to continually expand his/her knowledge and to seek expert advice if he/she has difficulty solving a problem on his/ her own	The student critically evaluates his/ her knowledge of current social, political and economic problems in German-speaking countries; he/ she demonstrates readiness to expand his/her knowledge and to consult experts if he/she has difficulties interpreting phenomena and processes in these countries on his/her own.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SK2] presentation/project/paper/ report

Subject contents

Familiarization with selected issues of German and Austrian history (after 1990).

Prerequisites and co-requisites

Knowledge of the impact of the Second World War on post-war German history (knowledge at the level of a general secondary school curriculum)

Assessment methods and criteria

Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
project/presentation	51.0%	100.0%

Recommended reading

Basic literature	- Czapliński Wł., Galos A., Korta W., Historia Niemiec [ostatnie wydanie, bo jest kilka] - Hovsgard Jens, Szpiedzy, których przyniosło ocieplenie. Afera Nordstream, 2018 - Polityka zagraniczna zjednoczonych Niemiec: kontynuacja czy zmiana, 2011 - Wiech Jakub, Energiewende. Nowe niemieckie imperium, 2019
Supplementary literature	Kuźniar Roman, Polityka zagraniczna III Rzeczpospolitej, Warszawa 2012 - Płażyński Kacper, Wszystkie pionki Putina. Rosyjski lobbing, Poznań 2023
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Selected social, economic and political issues (including international politics) of modern Germany and Austria.
Work placement	Not applicable

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