University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Contemporary Socio-Political and Economic Problems of German Countries (Lecture), PG_00200541						
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	15.0	0.0	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	Familiarization with selected issues of German and Austrian history (after 1990).						

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 basic issues related to economic, social and political (including international) problems of Germany and Austria.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
[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	[SK8] observation of student's independent or team work
[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	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[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	He is able to critically analyze the acquired information and expand his knowledge through consultation with experts.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SK8] observation of student's independent or team work
[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	He is able to correctly select sources and correctly apply research methods appropriate to the workshop of a political scientist dealing with German countries.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion

Subject contents

Selected social, economic and political issues (including international politics) of modern Germany and Austria.

Prerequisites and co-requisites

Knowledge of the impact of World War II on the post-war history of Germany (knowledge at the level of the general high school curriculum)

Assessment methods and criteria

Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
See the previous cell.	51.0%	100.0%

Recommended reading

Basic literature	- Bryjka Filip, Rosyjskie środki aktywne w przestrzeni euroatlantyckiej, 2018 - 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
eResources addresses	

Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Wartości podstawowe w ustroju RFN (przyjęte w 1949 r.) - Uchodźcy i imigranci w RFN - Scena polityczna w RFN po 1990 r. - Stosunki polsko-niemieckie po 1990 r. - Relacje niemiecko-rosyjskie po 1991 r. - Miejsce Niemiec w Unii Europejskiej
Work placement	Not applicable

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