University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	History of German Historiography, PG_00200565		
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 Optional 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	3	Language of instruction	Polish
Semester of study	5	ECTS credits	2.0
Learning profile	academic	Assessment form	exam
Conducting unit			
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor	dr hab. Barbara Klassa	
	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	33.0	50

Subject objectives

The aim of the course is to provide students with basic knowledge about the evolution of German historiography (perceived as an important part of German culture) in different historical periods and its impact on the development of historical science worldwide.

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[NIEML3_W07] Is aware of the coexistence in the human sciences of different points of view determined by different theoretical views, different national or cultural backgrounds	He is aware of the coexistence in historiography of different points of view determined by different theoretical views, different national or cultural backgrounds.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
[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	Has advanced knowledge of the history of historiography in German-speaking countries and areas historically associated with them.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
[NIEML3_U05] Has the ability to argue substantively using the views of other authors and to formulate conclusions	Has the ability to argue substantively using the views of other authors and to formulate conclusions.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU8] observation of student's independent or team work
[NIEML3_K02] He/she is ready to actively participate in groups, organisations and institutions implementing cultural integration and public interest activities	He is ready to actively participate in groups, organisations and institutions that promote cultural integration and the public interest.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SK8] observation of student's independent or team work

Subject contents	1. German historiography in the Middle Ages. 2. Renaissance and Reformation in German historiography. 3. Critical historiography in German states. 4. Enlightenment in German historiography. The so-called German model and its influence. 5. German historiography in the age of history. (1) Philosophical background. Romanticism. 6. German historiography in the age of history. (2) Organisational and methodological changes. 7. German historiography in the age of history. (3) Leopold von Ranke and his school. 8. German historiography in the age of history. (4) The international influence of German historiography. 9. Nationalism in German historiography the Prussian school. 10. German historiography during World War I and the Weimar Republic. 11. Nazism and history. 12. German historians and Hitlerism after 1945. 13. Modernism in German historiography Sozialgeschichte. 14. Modernism in German historiography Sozialgeschichte (part 2). 15. Contemporary German historiography.
Prerequisites and co-requisites	general knowledge of German history

Assessment methods and criteria

Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
test	51.0%	40.0%
activity during classes	51.0%	30.0%
written work	51.0%	30.0%

Recommended reading

Basic literature

Grabski A.F., Dzieje historiografii, Poznań 2003.

Grundmann H., Geschichtsschreibung im Mittelalter. Gattungen Epochen Eigenart, Göttingen 1978.

Mierzwa E.A., Historia historiografii, t. 1: starożytność-średniowiecze, Toruń 2002.

Mierzwa E.A., Historia historiografii, t. 2: renesans-oświecenie, Warszwa 2007.

Mierzwa E.A., Historia historiografii, t. 3: XIX wiek, Piotrków Trybunalski 2015.

Olszewski H., Nauka historii w upadku. Studium o historiografii i ideologii historycznej w imperialistycznych Niemczech, Poznań 1982.

Schmale Franz-Joseph, Funktion und Formen mittelalterlicher Geschichtsschreibung. Eine Einführung, Darmstadt 1985.

Iggers G.G., Historiografia XX wieku, Warszawa 2010.

Kleßmann C., Sporne problemy współczesnej historii Niemiec. Studia i szkice, Poznań 1999.

Serczyk J., 25 wieków historii. Historycy i ich dzieła, Toruń 1994.

Wenta J., Studien über die Ordensgeschichtsschreibung am Beispiel Preußens, Toruń 2000.

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Work placement	Not applicable	

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