University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Historian Research Methods - lecture, PG_00205437		
Field of study	History		
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026	Academic year of realisation of subject	2026/2027
Education level	Master's studies	Subject group	Obligatory subject group in the field of study
Mode of study	part-time studies	Mode of delivery	e-learning
Year of study	1	Language of instruction	Polish
Semester of study	1	ECTS credits	3.0
Learning profile	academic	Assessment form	credit
Conducting unit	Institute of History -> Faculty of History -> Rector		
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor	dr hab. Radosław Biskup	
	Teachers	dr hab. Radosław Biskup	

Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20
	E-learning hours included: 20.0						

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	20	2.0	53.0	75

Subject objectives	mastery of heuristics methodology and basic methods of grouping empirical facts

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[HISTMU2_W08] The student knows and understands the economic, legal, ethical and other determinants of various professional activities related to historical research and the dissemination of historical knowledge	understands the importance of a reliable research process	[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
[HISTMU2_W05] Has in-depth knowledge of the principles, methods and tools used for the criticism, analysis and interpretation of a wide range of sources employed in historical research.	knows basic bibliographic and information publications; knows methods of editing historical sources; knows basic information publications; knows selected new trends in historical research (microhistory, oral history), knows selected genres and sources of historical works (diarism and biography and photography)	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[HISTMU2_W03] The student knows in depth the terminology, theories, methodology and descriptive tools of the historical sciences and related sciences	is familiar with methods of summarisation and basic methods of synthesising empirical data	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[HISTMU2_U01] The student possess research skills in the field of historical sciences, enabling him/her to independently, critically, and creatively solve complex and non-standard research problems	is able to carry out research on a selected topic; is able to process (summarize, paraphrase) scientific texts on history using selected methods; is able to use various methods of ordering (grouping) empirical material, synthesizing historical knowledge	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
[HISTMU2_K01] The student is ready to critically evaluate the knowledge he possesses and the content he receives	is aware of the relationship between the mastery of selected knowledge and skills in the discipline of history and the level of the master's thesis	[SK8] observation of student's independent or team work

Subject contents

The concept of heuristics (publications, their types and bibliographies-methods of searching and collecting materials, processing materials on a given topic); selected sources, genres and directions of historical research; historical science its sub-disciplines and related disciplines; methods of grouping and synthesising historical material.

Prerequisites and co-requisites

Assessment methods and criteria

Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	0.0%	10.0%
	51.0%	90.0%

Recommended reading

Basic literature	L. Marszałek, Edytorstwo publikacji naukowych, Warszawa 1986; Piotr Żmigrodzki, Wprowadzenie do leksykografii polskiej, Warszawa 2009; Bibliografia. Metodyka i organizacja, pod red. Zbigniewa Żmigrodzkiego, Warszawa 2000; W. Marciszewski, Metody analizy tekstu naukowego, Warszawa 1977; Kazimierz Ajdukiewicz, Logika pragmatyczna, Warszawa 1975; T. Pawłowski, Tworzenie pojęć w naukach humanistycznych, Warszawa 1986.
Supplementary literature	A.Cieński, Pamiętniki i autobiografie światowe, Wrocław 1983; Izabela Lewandowska, Oral history we współczesnej Polsce: badania, projekty, stowarzyszenia, Wrocławski Rocznik Historii Mówionej, 1, 2011, s. 81-103 (dostępny w internecie); Historia społeczna, historia codzienności, mikrohistoria, przeł. A. Kopacki, Warszawa 1996; Ewa Domańska, Mikrohistorie: spotkania w międzyświatach, wyd. II, Poznań 2005.
eResources addresses	

Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed

types of bibliographies and their usefulness; ability to classify, make generalisations on the basis of induction and its interpretation

Work placement

Not applicable

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