University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Introduction to Historical Research - seminars, PG_00205535		
Field of study	History		
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
Mode of study	full-time studies	Mode of delivery	at the university
Year of study	1	Language of instruction	Polish
Semester of study	1	ECTS credits	3.0
Learning profile	academic	Assessment form	credit
Conducting unit			
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor	dr Aleksandra Girsztowt-Biskup	
	Teachers	dr Aleksandra Girsztowt-Biskup	

Lesson types							
	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	0.0	30.0	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	43.0	75

Subject objectives	To acquaint students with the basic principles and methods of the historian's work

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[HISTL3_K05] Is ready to perform professional roles responsibly and to adhere to the professional ethics of the historian and to demonstrate an understanding of the world of values and attitudes of people in different historical periods and contexts	The student is aware of and follows the ethical rules of citation (appropriate use of footnotes).	[SK3] text preparation/written work
[HISTL3_W07] The student has an advanced knowledge and understanding of the key theories, research methods and tools of the historian's trade, including those relevant to their chosen area of specialisation.	The student is able to identify and describe the most significant bibliographies pertaining to Polish and regional history, as well as linguistic, biographical, historical and geographical dictionaries, source publications, and the various types of auxiliary publications found in archives. Additionally, the student is able to articulate the principles underlying the preparation of bibliographies and scientific apparatus.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion [SW3] text preparation/written work
[HISTL3_U01] student is able to apply their knowledge to: solve complex and unusual problems in the field of history through the appropriate selection of sources, their critical analysis and the synthesis of information; and formulate and solve problems within their chosen area of professional specialisation	The student is expected to apply their knowledge in practice. This entails conducting bibliographical and archival research on a given subject, identifying and naming types of scientific publications, utilising archives and scientific libraries, and preparing a bibliography and using scientific apparatus correctly.	[SU3] text preparation/written work [SU6] demonstration of practical skills
[HISTL3_U02] Is able to select methods and tools appropriate to historical research and practice, including advanced information and communication technologies (ICT).	Students will be able to use online databases, virtual catalogues, libraries and archives.	[SU6] demonstration of practical skills
[HISTL3_W04] Has advanced knowledge and understanding of the specific characteristics of selected fields of historical research, such as political history, social history, economic history, cultural history, family history, and gender history.	The student is required to demonstrate an understanding of the various lines of historical research, with particular reference to the Annales school.	[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
[HISTL3_U06] Is able to prepare written work in Polish, correctly applying professional terminology and scientific apparatus	Is able to prepare written works in the field of history in Polish, using historical terminology appropriately and applying the basic principles of scholarly apparatus.	[SU3] text preparation/written work
[HISTL3_W01] Has an advanced knowledge and understanding of selected facts, objects and phenomena, as well as the methods and theories that explain the complex relationships between them, constituting fundamental general knowledge in the humanities	The student demonstrates an understanding of the concepts of science, culture, civilisation and history as a science.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written

Subject contents

scientific literature, bibliographies in the work of the historian, bibliographic description, online databases and digital libraries, reference works, scientific apparatus

Prerequisites and co-requisites

Assessment methods and criteria

Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	51.0%	30.0%
	51.0%	20.0%
	51.0%	50.0%

Recommended reading	Basic literature	Miśkiewicz B., *Wstęp do badań historycznych*, różne wydania Pawlak M, Serczyk J., *Wstęp do badań historycznych*, Bydgoszcz 2000 Topolski J., *Wprowadzenie do historii*, Poznań 1998 Werner W., *Wprowadzenie do historii*, Warszawa 2012
	Supplementary literature	A comprehensive reading list for each class will be made available during the initial class period.
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed		
Work placement	Not applicable	

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