

Subject card

Subject name and code	Military History of Poland (Lecture), PG_00205675						
Field of study	National Security						
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 Humanistic-social subject group Subject group related to practical vocational preparation		
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	practical	Assessment form			exam		
Conducting unit	Institute of Political Science -> Faculty of Social Sciences -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		prof. dr hab. Piotr Niwiński				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	30.0	0.0	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 familiarize students with the issues of military history as a field of knowledge about experiences in building and strengthening the security of states and citizens. Supplementing, deepening and expanding historical knowledge in the field of state security and defense. Analysis of selected battles and wars, their conditions in the historical context and familiarization with the evolution of military thought throughout history						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[BNMU2_W12] Has in-depth knowledge of Poland's place and role within security systems.	Has structured and in-depth general knowledge of military history. He knows the history of wars and the army. Knows the most important achievements, centers and research schools in the field of military history. Distinguishes the main directions of military thought. Distinguishes between the main theories of international relations and their application in the area of international military relations. Understands at a basic level the problems and relationships resulting from military relations between countries throughout history. Is familiar with the basic terminology in the field of war and military history in Polish. Knows at an advanced level terminology in the field of war and the history of the army and other uniformed services.	[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
	[BNMU2_W09] Has in-depth knowledge of the nature, dynamics, and specificity of security threats in various spheres of social life.	Is able to formulate critical opinions, based on scientific research, regarding the armed forces. He can substantively justify them using his own views and the views of others. Is able to correctly interpret and explain phenomena occurring in the armed forces.	[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
	[BNMU2_U05] Identifies and explains the role of a democratic state and civil society in the area of security.	Is able to conduct a critical analysis of selected historical and contemporary phenomena in the military sphere and present the conclusions drawn.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion
	[BNMU2_U07] Identifies and explains the determinants of state security and forecasts the impact of social processes on security, particularly with regard to the dependencies in which Poland participates.	Correctly identifies and resolves dilemmas related to the functioning of the armed forces in various historical periods. He actively develops his interests in military issues. Participates in events related to these issues.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion
	[BNMU2_W02] Has in-depth knowledge of legal regulations related to security, as well as of the state, power, politics, and public administration, with particular emphasis on special and border services and state security.	He describes and interprets historical experiences in an insightful and objective manner for the purposes of shaping the patriotic and defensive attitudes of society	[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
	[BNMU2_K01] Is prepared to be active in the labour market in the area of security, is aware of the need to independently improve qualifications, collect and analyse information, critically assesses the knowledge possesses and acquires.	Knows at an advanced level terminology in the field of war and the history of the army and other uniformed services.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion
	[BNMU2_W01] Has in-depth knowledge of the social, historical, and cultural determinants of security, and understands their complex interconnections and implications for practical activities in the field of security.	Has knowledge of the historical and cultural relationships between military structures and institutions.	[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
	[BNMU2_W07] Has in-depth knowledge of the processes and factors shaping them in public security institutions and structures.	It takes into account the political, military, social and cultural importance of the army.	[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion

Subject contents	<p>Purpose, subject of research, disciplines and basic concepts in the field of military science, tactics and the art of war; The beginnings of military development in antiquity; The era of chivalry in Europe; The beginnings and development of the Polish military until the second half of the 15th century; Military in the history of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and other countries of Central and Eastern Europe from the 16th to the 18th century; The military effort of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth from the 16th to the 18th century; Conspiracy and insurrection concepts of regaining independence in the 18th and 19th centuries. Characteristics of national uprisings; Armed forces and war art of the greatest powers until 1914; General characteristics of World War I. Art of War 1914-1918; Development of new types of weapons and the theory of their use in 1918-1939. Polish Army in the interwar period; The nature and general course (stages) of World War II. The role of armored forces and aviation, sea battles; - Polish military action in World War II; Military doctrines of NATO and the University of Warsaw during the Cold War; The nuclear age. Technological arms race and the use of space for military purposes; From guerrilla war through terrorism to asymmetric conflict. Local and regional conflicts after World War II; - The importance of modern military technology on the modern battlefield. Visions of 21st century wars. - Battles that changed the fate of wars</p>		
Prerequisites and co-requisites	Basic knowledge of general history, the history of the Polish nation and state		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	discussion	30.0%	30.0%
	essay	70.0%	70.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	<p>Sun-Tsu, Sztuka wojny, Gliwice 2004;</p> <p>Fierla D., Wojna burska 1899-1902, Warszawa 2002;</p> <p>Clausewitz von C., J. Graham, O wojnie. Podręcznik stratega, Warszawa 2013;</p> <p>Rezmer W., Operacyjna służba sztabów Wojska Polskiego w 1939 roku. Organizacja. Zasady funkcjonowania. - Przygotowanie do wojny. Warszawa 2010.</p>	
	Supplementary literature	<p>Nowak T.M., Dawne wojsko polskie. Od Piastów do Jagiellonów, Warszawa 2006;- Kukiel M., Zarys historii wojskowości w Polsce, Poznań 2006; B. Literatura uzupełniająca:</p> <p>Szczurowski M., Mity, rytuały, symbole a żołnierz polski w przestrzeni politycznej II wojny światowej, Toruń 2013;</p> <p>Historia wojen, opr. zb., Wyd. Bellona, Warszawa 2004;- Wielkie bitwy i kampanie, red. J. Pimlott, Warszawa 2001; - Koziej S., Teoria sztuki wojennej, Warszawa 1993</p>	
	eResources addresses		
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	<p>Is there tactics and the art of war The beginnings of military development in antiquity; Military history in the history of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and other countries of Central and Eastern Europe until the 18th century; Insurgent concepts of regaining independence in the 18th and 19th centuries. Characteristics of national uprisings; General characteristics of World War I. Art of War 1914-1918; Development of new types of weapons and the theory of their use in 1918-1939. Polish Army in the interwar period; Stages of World War II. The role of armored forces and aviation, sea battles; - Polish military action in World War II; Military doctrines of NATO and the University of Warsaw during the Cold War; Asymmetric threats NATO's eastern flank</p>		
Work placement	Not applicable		