University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	History of the 20th Century Poland (Lecture), PG_00206517		
Field of study	Journalism and Social Communication		
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	2	ECTS credits	2.0
Learning profile	practical	Assessment form	exam
Conducting unit	Division of Theory, History and Language of Media -> Institute of Media, Journalism and Social Communication -> Faculty of Social Sciences -> Rector		
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor	dr hab. Konrad Knoch	
	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	0.0	20.0	50

Subject objectives

1. Memorizing and understanding the most important events, figures, concepts, and dates related to the history of Poland in the 20th century.
2. Recognizing cause-and-effect relationships.
3. Developing skills in critical analysis of sources and critical thinking.
4. Developing analytical and synthetic thinking skills.
5. Understanding the significance of the impact of past events on the present, recognizing connections between the past and the present.

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[DZiKSL3_U02] He/she can describe, critically analyse, synthesise and evaluate the collected information, taking into account economic, philosophical, cultural, historical, political and sociological processes and phenomena relevant to the field of study.	He is able to reconstruct the history of Poland in the 20th century, taking into account the complexity of cultural, historical, political, and sociological processes and phenomena.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
[DZiKSL3_W05] He/she has advanced knowledge of the history of media and journalism. He/she understands the functioning of processes, tools and factors influencing the contemporary functioning of media.	He has knowledge of the most important events in the history of Poland in the 20th century.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[DZiKSL3_K01] Student is sensitive to any signs of manipulation of the recipient, understanding the threats resulting from this phenomenon and is able to critically evaluate the received content.	He is aware of various forms of manipulation, can recognize them, and respond to them.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SK4] test/exam - oral or written

Subject contents	1. The Polish Question during World War I. Poland's regaining of independence.2. From Democracy to Sanation: Poland in the years 1921-1926.3. Poland from 1926 to 1939.4. Foreign Policy of the Second Polish Republic.5. World War II on Polish lands.6. Polish Communists.7. Stalinism and the October Revolution.8. Poland under the rule of Władysław Gomułka (1956-1970).9. The Gierek Decade (1970-1980). 10. The Birth of Solidarity.11. Martial Law and the Following Years (1981-1988).12. The Birth of the Third Polish Republic.
Prerequisites and co-requisites	Basic knowledge of Polish History and Social Studies/History and Present acquired in secondary school, familiarity with critical analysis of historical sources, and the ability to locate events from Polish history on a map.

Assessment methods and criteria

Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
The total points for the written exam plus additional points for participation during classes, involvement in extra activities, meetings, preparation of assignments, presentations, projects, speeches	51.0%	100.0%

Recommended reading

Basic literature	1. Dziurak A., Gałęzowski M., Kamiński Ł. i in., Od niepodległości do niepodległości. Historia Polski 1918-1989, Warszawa 2010. 2. Roszkowski W., Historia Polski 1914-2004, Warszawa 2005 lub kolejne wydania
Supplementary literature	1. Brzoza Cz., Sowa A.L., Historia Polski 1918-1945, Kraków 2006. 2. Buchler P., Polska droga do wolności 1939-1995, Warszawa 1999. 3. Czubiński A., Historia Polski XX wieku, Poznań 2007. 4. Dudek A., Zblewski Z., Utopia nad Wisłą. Historia Peerelu, Warszawa Bielsko Biała 2008. 5. Friszke A., Losy Państwa i Narodu 1939-1989, Warszawa 2003. 6. Garlicki A., Historia 1939-1996/97. Polska i świat, Warszawa 1998. 7. Garlicki A., 1815-2004. Historia Polska i świat, Warszawa 2005. 8. Hall A. Osobista historia III Rzeczpospolitej, Warszawa 2011. 9. Konopczyński, W., Historia Polityczna Polski 1914-1939, Warszawa 1995. 10. Paczkowski A., Pół wieków dziejów Polski 1939-1989, Warszawa 2007. 11. Polski wiek XX. Dwudziestolecie międzywojenne, pod red. K. Persaka i P. Machcewicza, Warszawa 2009. 12. Polski wiek XX. II wojna światowa, pod red. K. Persaka i P. Machcewicza, Warszawa 2010. 13. Polski wiek XX. PRL od lipca 44 do grudnia 70, pod red. K. Persaka i P. Machcewicza, Warszawa 2010. 14. Polski wiek XX. PRL od grudnia 70 do czerwca 89, pod red. K. Persaka i P. Machcewicza, Warszawa 2011. 15. Roszkowski W., Najnowsza historia Polski 1914-1945, t.1, Warszawa 2003. 16. Roszkowski W., Najnowsza historia Polski 1945-1980, t.2, Warszawa 2003. 17. Roszkowski W., Najnowsza historia Polski 1980-2006, t.3, Warszawa 2007. 18. Sienkiewicz W., Polska od roku 1944. Najnowsza historia, Warszawa 2011.
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	
Work placement	Not applicable

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