

Subject card

Subject name and code	Literary Narratives about Gdansk, PG_00209371						
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 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		credit		
Conducting unit	Division of German Literature and Culture -> Institute of German Philology -> Faculty of Languages -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		prof. dr hab. Marion Brandt				
	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		1.0		34.0	50
Subject objectives	Introducing students to the literature of Gdańsk, Kashubia and Pomerania from the 16th to the 21st century, the oeuvre of outstanding writers and the literary life of the region.To develop the ability to recognise narratives and (political) myths about Gdańsk that influence literary imaginations of the city.To deepen the ability to analyse a literary text and to participate in academic discussion, in particular justify one's own position.						
Learning outcomes	Course outcome		Subject outcome		Method of verification		
	[FGL3_W05] They have advanced and detailed knowledge of selected issues in the field of research on the German-language, literature and the Polish-German borderlands		They characterize key literary narratives about Gdańsk as a city situated on the Polish-German cultural border, drawing on the works of prominent German and Polish writers associated with the city.		[SW2] presentation/project/paper/report [SW3] text preparation/written work		
	[FGL3_U01] They are able to search for, critically evaluate and analyse sources and information, producing written work and oral presentations in German, particularly in the fields of linguistics, literary studies and cultural and religious studies of the German-speaking world, including the use of information and communication technologies		They analyse, interpret, and critically evaluate selected literary works created in Gdańsk from the early 19th century to the present day, through oral statements, presentations, or written analyses.		[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SU2] presentation/project/paper/report [SU3] text preparation/written work		

Subject contents	Literary narratives about Gdansk: 1. Danzig as a city of different cultures (J. Schopenhauer, P. Scheerbart, Deotyma, W. Gomulicki, M. Konopnicka). German literature on Danzig and nationalism, literature in the Nazi period (E. Wichert, P. Enderling, M. Halbe). Gdańsk in German and Polish literature after 1945 (F. Fenikowski, G. Grass, P. Huelle, St. Chwin, B. Zwarra, B. Piórkowska, S. Janesch, V. Braun). 2) Danzig's love of freedom (Danzig legends, panegyrics, Johannes Daniel Falk, literature after 1945), 3) Danzig as a threatened, fallen or dead city (J. v. Eichendorff, W. Omankowski, R. Kunze, motif of the final judgement).		
Prerequisites and co-requisites	Ability to analyse and interpret literary texts, basic knowledge of the history of German literature and the history of Gdansk and the region		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	completion of interpretive assignments during the semester	51.0%	30.0%
	essay or project	51.0%	70.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature The lecture analyses short texts and extracts from memoirs and novels by selected authors. To choose from: J. Schopenhauer: Jugendleben und Wanderbilder (extracts). - J. Trojan: Mein Vater, der Kaufmann, Zwei Monate Festung (extracts). - P. Scheerbart: selected short story. - G. Grass: The Tin Drum (excerpts). - St. Chwin: A Short History of a Certain Joke (excerpts). - P. Huelle: Weiser Dawidek (fragments) (or): selected short story. - Poems: J. v. Eichendorff, P. Neruda, V. Braun, R. Kunze. Articles about selected German writers in the magazine 30 Dni		

	Supplementary literature	Brandt, M.: Abschied von der Republik. Kommentare zur Preußischwerdung Danzigs in der deutschsprachigen Literatur um 1800 [w:] Convivium. Deutsch-polnisches Jahrbuch für Germanistik. Bonn 2015, s. 271-282. Brandt, M.: Bije blaszany bębenek. Günter Grass, Gdańsk i przełamanie niepamięci, w: Acta Cassubiana 2013, s. 7-17. Brandt, M.: Gdański Poeta i Dziennikarz Erich Ruschkewitz (1904-1941?), w: Wokół Wielkiej Synagogi w Gdańsku. Z dziejów lokalnej społeczności żydowskiej, pod redakcją Ewy Barylewskiej-Szymańskiej, Gdańsk: Muzeum Gdańska i Żydowski Instytut Historyczny 2019, s. 313-335. Brandt, M.: "Paweł Huelle - czytany z Walterem Benjaminem", w: Pamiętnik Literacki 112, 2021, s. 111-118. Brandt, M.: Das Nachdenken über den Totalitarismus als Teil des Dialogs polnischer Schriftsteller mit Günter Grass [w:] Freipass. Forum für Literatur, Bildende Kunst und Politik. Schriften der Günter und Ute Grass Stiftung 2. Berlin 2016, s. 192-210. Kotarski, E.: Gdańsk literacki (do końca XVIII wieku), Gdańsk 1997. Loew, P. O.: Gdańsk literacki (1793-1945), Gdańsk 2005. Loew, P. O.: Das literarische Danzig 1793-1945. Bausteine für eine lokale Kulturgeschichte. Frankfurt a. M. 2009. Mosakowski, J.: Dzieje Gdańska w niemieckiej powieści historycznej XIX wieku, Pruszcz Gdański 2009 Nowaczewski, A.: Trzy miasta, trzy pokolenia, Gdańsk 2006.
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Essay The image of Gdansk in Johanna Schopenhauer's memoirs. Gdansk as a city of several cultures in Johanna Schopenhauer's memoirs / in Günter Grass' novel <i>The Tin Drum</i> / P. Huelle's stories The narrative of Gdansk as a lost city in the Gdansk poems by Volker Braun and Pablo Nerudan / P. Huelles novel <i>Weiser Dawidek</i> Gdansk as a city of freedom as exemplified by the work of Johannes Daniel Falk / the legend of the origin of the city's name The image of Gdansk in Paul Scheerbart's stories <i>Mrs Hevelius</i> and <i>The Franciscan</i> Images of Gdansk in Barbara Piórkowska's work <i>Utkanki</i> Project: translation of a selected text about Gdańsk from German into Polish or vice versa preparation of (part of) a literary walk through Gdansk	

Work placement	Not applicable
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