University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Diasporas in the modern world, PG_00149427		
Field of study	Political Studies		
Date of commencement of studies	October 2024	Academic year of realisation of subject	2025/2026
Education level	Master's studies	Subject group	Obligatory subject group in the field of study Optional subject group Humanistic-social subject group
Mode of study	full-time studies	Mode of delivery	at the university
Year of study	2	Language of instruction	Polish
Semester of study	3	ECTS credits	2.0
Learning profile	academic	Assessment form	credit
Conducting unit			
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor	dr Paweł Nieczuja-Ostrowski	
	Teachers	dr Paweł Nieczuja-Ostrowski	

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	30.0	60

Subject objectives

After completing the course, the student has knowledge about the role of diasporas in the contemporary world. Knows and understands the difference between diaspora and other ethnic minorities. Uses basic concepts from the area of diaspora studies. The knowledge acquired during the course can be used in further political science education and in professional and social life.

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	Student: - knows contemporary definitions of diaspora and the relations between diaspora and the country of origin and residence; understands the phenomenon of diasporization and institutionalization of diasporal life; is able to - present the importance of diasporas in international and internal relations.	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written

Subject contents

Introductory classes: learning objectives and outcomes, educational content, organization of classes, principles of crediting the subject. Theoretical approach to the phenomena of diaspora and diasporization. Organizations and institutions of contemporary diaspora. Diasporas towards host countries and societies. Diasporas towards countries and societies of origin. Transnational activity of diasporas. Diasporas in the perspective of countries of origin. Example of the Polish diaspora. Example of the Armenian diaspora.

Prerequisites and co-requisites

no requirements

Assessment methods and criteria

Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
test	51.0%	100.0%

Recommended reading	Basic literature	*Armenian Diaspora in Modern World: Factors of Changes*, W. Bejda and P. Nieczuja-Ostrowski (ed.), RIEP, Gdańsk 2020. Lesińska M., *Niełatwe związki - relacje polityczne między państwem pochodzenia a diasporą*, WUW, Warszawa 2019. Nieczuja-Ostrowski P., *Diasporyzacja jako wyzwanie dla współczesnych systemów politycznych*, [w:] *Zmiany w systemach politycznych w Europie i na świecie*, K. Kamińska-Karolczuk, Wyd. Athenea Gedanenses, Gdańsk 2017. *Polska diaspora*, A. Walaszek (ed.), Kraków 2001. Safran W., *Diasporas in Modern Societies: Myths of Homeland and Return*, Diaspora: A Journal of Transnational Studies 1991, Volume 1, Number 1.
	Supplementary literature	Chodubski A., Ormianie jako diasporalna wspólnota narodowa i etniczna (w:) Tożsamość kulturowa. Szkice o mniejszościach narodowych na Pomorzu Gdańskim, A. Chodubski i A. K. Waśkiewicz (red.), seria szósta, Gdańsk 2006. Cohen R., *Global Diasporas: An Introduction*, Second edition, London and New York 2008. *Funkcje i zadania elit w środowiskach polonijnych*, J. Knopek (red.), Wyd. Adam Marszałek, Toruń 2006. Król-Mazur R., *Polscy Ormianie, Polacy ormiańskiego pochodzenia, Ormianie w Polsce czyli o dylematach i problematyce integracji środowisk ormiańskich*, [w:] *Spis podróżny. Polscy Ormianie, Ormianie w Polsce*, L. Graczyk i M. Maciejewska, Fundacja Ari Ari i Ministerstwo Kultury i Dziedzictwa Narodowego, Bydgoszcz 2010, s. 17-24. Lesińska M., *Polska diaspora, Polonia, emigracja. Spory pojęciowe wokół skupisk polskich za granicą*, "The Polish Migration Review", nr 3, s. 9-23. Nieczuja-Ostrowski P., *Translokacja konfliktów zjawisko przenoszenia konfliktów etnicznych z kraju pochodzenia do rzeczywistości diasporalnej i imigranckiej*, "Wschodnioznawstwo" t. 10 (2016), s. 27-39. Pełczyński G., *Ormianie polscy w wieku XX. Problem odrębności etnicznej*, Warszawa 1997. Ritter L., *Ormiańskie losy. Historia i przyszłość diaspory*, Warszawa 2009. Sahakyan V., *Diaspora Conceptualizations and the Realities of the Armenian Diaspora: Some Preliminary Observations*, "EVN Report Magazine" 6, April 26, 2021.
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Definition of diaspora according to William Safran. Diaspora as a peace maker and peace breaker. Institutions of Polish / Armenian diaspora. Classification of diasporas. Provide examples of diasporal organizations of a global nature. Interpret the phenomenon of diasporization. How is the size of the Polish / Armenian diaspora estimated? Give examples of political diaspora organizations. Give examples of aid diaspora organizations. Give examples of state institutions dedicated to diaspora issues.	

Work placement	Not applicable

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