

Subject card

Subject name and code	The Politics of Brandenburg-Prussia towards Poland in the years 1598-1714, PG_00179823						
Field of study	History						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		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 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	1		Language of instruction		Polish		
Semester of study	2		ECTS credits		2.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		credit		
Conducting unit							
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Marcin Swobodziński				
	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		20.0	52
Subject objectives	Acquainting students with the most important events, political currents, criteria, and methods of foreign policy conducted by Brandenburg-Prussia and Poland in the 17th century against the backdrop of European events of the 17th and early 18th centuries.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[HISTMU2_K02] Is prepared to recognise the importance of knowledge in solving cognitive and practical problems and to consult experts when having difficulty solving a problem independently	The student, in addition to the subject literature, is able to seek knowledge from specialists in the field of Polish-German relations.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
	[HISTMU2_W04] Has in-depth knowledge of the main developmental trends and major new developments in the historical sciences, with particular reference to the achievements of Polish historiography	The student is familiar with and accepts the latest trends and research currents in German historiography, particularly the Polish historiography addressing the issues of Brandenburg-Prussian-Polish relations in the 17th and early 18th centuries.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[HISTMU2_W07] Knows and understands the fundamental dilemmas of modern civilisation	The student knows and understands the impact of events and processes that influenced the history of Brandenburg-Prussian-Polish relations on the later history of both states.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[HISTMU2_U02] Consciously selects research methods and tools appropriate to the chosen field of history to solve a variety of tasks and problems	The student knows the basic sources of the history of political relations between Brandenburg-Prussia and Poland in the 17th and early 18th centuries (political testaments) and can interpret them.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[HISTMU2_W01] Has an in-depth, extended and structured knowledge of history leading to specialisation in selected areas of historical research	The student possesses advanced, structured detailed knowledge in the field of Brandenburg-Prussian-Polish relations in the 17th and early 18th centuries.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[HISTMU2_U01] Has in-depth research skills in the historical sciences to formulate and innovatively solve complex and unusual problems	The student, in addition to the sources, knows and is able to deepen further knowledge in the subject literature relating to the Brandenburg-Prussian-Polish relations in the 17th and early 18th centuries.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written

Subject contents	1. The place of Brandenburg-Prussia and the Commonwealth on the map of Europe and the foundations of their relations at the beginning of the 17th century. 2. The struggle for the transfer of the Prussian fief to the Brandenburg electoral line. 3. The relationship between Berlin and Warsaw during the reign of Sigismund III Vasa. 4. The attitude of the Hohenzollerns towards the Polish-Swedish wars under Władysław IV (until 1640). 5. The beginnings of the reign of the Great Elector and his relations with Poland (1640-1655). 6. Frederick William in the Polish-Swedish war (1655-1657). 7. The Treaty of Wehlau and Bydgoszcz. 8. The testament of the Great Elector and the 'Commonwealth that will never perish.' 9. Berlin's position towards the policy of Jan Kazimierz. 10. The place and significance of Gdańsk in relations between Berlin and Warsaw. 11. The Baltic policy of Jan III Sobieski. 12. The Great Elector towards Poland in the clutches of the Holy League. 13. The Polish policy of Frederick III (until 1696). 14. Frederick III and the election of 1697. 15. Poland and the emergence of the kingdom in Prussia. 16. The eastern policy of Frederick I.											
Prerequisites and co-requisites												
Assessment methods and criteria	<table><tr><th>Subject passing criteria</th><th>Passing threshold</th><th>Percentage of the final grade</th></tr><tr><td></td><td>51.0%</td><td>100.0%</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>80.0%</td><td>0.0%</td></tr></table>	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade		51.0%	100.0%		80.0%	0.0%		
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Recommended reading	Basic literature	B. Wachowiak, A. Kamiński, <i>Dzieje Brandenburgii-Prus na progu dziejów nowożytnych (1500-1700)</i>, Poznań, 2001. <i>Prusy w okresie monarchii absolutnej (1701-1806)</i>, pod red. Bogdana Wachowiaka, Poznań 2010. G. Kucharczyk. <i>Prusy. Pięć wieków</i>, Warszawa 2023										

	Supplementary literature	A. Kamieński, Polska a Brandenburgia-Prusy w drugiej połowie XVII wieku. Dzieje Polityczne, Poznań 2002. B. Janiszewska-Mincer, F. Mincer, Rzeczpospolita Polska a Prusy Książęce w latach 1598-1621, Warszawa 1988. W. Czapliński, Polska a Prusy i Brandenburgia za Władysława IV, Wrocław 1947. B. Szymczak, Stosunki Rzeczypospolitej z Brandenburgią i Prusami Książęcymi w latach 1648-1658 w opinii i działaniach szlachty koronnej, Warszawa 2002.
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed		
Work placement	Not applicable	

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