University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	History of Medieval Poland - seminars, PG_00168395						
Field of study	History						
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 Subject group related to scientific research in the field of study			
Mode of study	part-time studies		Mode of delivery	at the university			
Year of study	1		Language of instruction	Polish			
Semester of study	2		ECTS credits	3.0			
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form	credit			
Conducting unit	Division of Polish Medieval History and Auxiliary Sciences -> Institute of History -> Faculty of History -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Julia Możdżeń				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	0.0	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20
	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	20		2.0	53.0	75	
Subject objectives	The aim of the course is to familiarise students with current research on medieval Polish history by means of critical reading and analysis of sources. Exercises take the form of workshops with source texts (chronicles, hagiographical texts, documents, national law scrolls). Their aim is to develop the habit of critical evaluation of information contained in source texts by confronting various source accounts, different positions of researchers and forming an independent opinion on important political, economic, cultural and social issues.						

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[HISTL3_W09] Knows and understands, at an advanced level, the methods of analysing and interpreting historical sources, as well as their significance for historical research.	K1H_W09 - Has advanced knowledge of the analysis and interpretation of historical sources (chronicle, legal and hagiographic) from the history of medieval Poland and understands their usefulness in historical research	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW3] text preparation/written work
[HISTL3_U02] Is able to select methods and tools appropriate to historical research and practice, including advanced information and communication technologies (ICT).	K1H _U02 - Can correctly select and use methods and tools appropriate for the work of a medieval historian	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU3] text preparation/written work
[HISTL3_W05] He has an advanced understanding of the body of historical scholarship and the diversity of perspectives, and is aware of the existence of differing viewpoints within historical and related disciplines, shaped by varying national and cultural backgrounds	K1H_W05 - Has advanced knowledge of the achievements of historiography in the history of medieval Poland	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion [SW3] text preparation/written work
[HISTL3_W02] Has advanced, chronologically and thematically ordered knowledge of the history of ancient and modern Polish lands	K1H _W02 - Has advanced, chronologically and thematically ordered knowledge of medieval Polish history	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
[HISTL3_U04] The student is able to take part in a debate – presenting and evaluating different viewpoints and leading a discussion using specialist terminology from the field of history.	K1H _U04 - Can take part in a debate - present and evaluate various opinions and positions and discuss them using correctly the professional terminology in the field of Polish medieval studies	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion
[HISTL3_U01] student is able to apply their knowledge to: solve complex and unusual problems in the field of history through the appropriate selection of sources, their critical analysis and the synthesis of information; and formulate and solve problems within their chosen area of professional specialisation	K1H _U01 - The student can use the knowledge he/she possesses: through a proper selection of historical sources conduct a critical analysis and synthesis of them, solve complex and untypical problems of medieval Polish history	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU3] text preparation/written work [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
[HISTL3_K02] Is ready to fulfil social and professional obligations related to the chosen specialisation and to co-organise activities serving the community in the areas of education and the promotion of the historical and cultural heritage of Poland, the region, and Europe.	K1H _K03 - Is ready to fulfil social obligations, to co-organise activities for the social environment in the field of education and promotion of historical and cultural heritage of medieval Poland	[SK8] observation of student's independent or team work

Subject contents

1. Legendary origins of Poland (the story of Piast and Poppel) in Gallus', Kadlubek's and the Greater Poland Chronicle's accounts, 3. Mieszko I and Dąbrówka and the genesis of Poland's baptism in Gallus' and Thietmar of Merseburg's relations, 4-5. The image of the medieval ruler on the example of the description of the figure of Bolesław Chrobry in Gallus' and Thietmar's Chronicle, 6. The Factum of St. Stanislaus in Gallus' and Kadłubek's Chronicle, 7-8. The beginnings of Teutonic rule in Prussia in Piotr of Dusburg's Chronicle, 9. The statutes of Casimir the Great. 10. Colloquium

Prerequisites and co-requisites

Assessment methods and criteria

Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
participation in the discussion of the source texts	51.0%	10.0%
written colloquium	51.0%	50.0%
written work	51.0%	40.0%

Recommended reading	Basic literature	Źródła: Gall Anonim, Kronika, wyd. Ossolineum lub DIG (różne wydania) Kronika Thietmara. T. 1-2 / tł. (z tekstu łac.), wstęp i przypisy Marian Zygmunt Jedlicki, (różne wydania) Kronika polska / Mistrz Wincenty (tzw. Kadłubek) ; przeł. [z łac.] i oprac. Brygida Kürbis (różne wydania) Kronika wielkopolska / przekł. Kazimierz Abgarowicz ; wstęp i koment. Brygida Kürbis (różne wydania) Podręczniki: Stanisław Szczur, Historia Polski. Średniowiecze (wiele wydań) Tomasz Jurek, Edmund Kizik, Historia Polski do 1572 r., PWN Państwo zakonu krzyżackiego w Prusach : władza i społeczeństwo / Marian Biskup [et al.] ; red. nauk. Marian Biskup, Roman Czaja, Toruń 2009 Marian Biskup, Gerard Labuda, Dzieje zakonu krzyżackiego w Prusach : gospodarka, społeczeństwo, państwo, ideologia, Gdańsk 1986

Supplementary literature	Banaszkiewicz Jacek, Podanie o Piaście i Popielu: studium porównawcze nad wczesnośredniowiecznymi tradycjami dynastycznymi, Warszawa 2010 Banaszkiewicz Jacek, Polskie dzieje bajeczne Mistrza Wincentego Kadłubka, Wrocław 2002 Banaszkiewicz Jacek, W stronę rytuałów i Galla Anonima, 2018 Jasiński Tomasz, O pochodzeniu Gala Anonima, Kraków 2008 Deptuła Czesław, Galla Anonima mit genezy Polski : studium z historiozofii i hermeneutyki symboli dziejopisarstwa średniowiecznego, Lublin 2000 Dalewski Zbigniew, Rytuał i polityka : opowieść Galla Anonima o konflikcie Bolesława Krzywoustego ze Zbigniewem, Warszawa 2005 Dalewski Zbigniew, Rytuał i polityka : opowieść Galla Anonima o konflikcie Bolesława Krzywoustego ze Zbigniewem, Warszawa 2005 Delestowicz Norbert, Bolesław II Szczodry, trzeci król Polski, Kraków 2020 Delestowicz Norbert, Zbigniew, książę Polski, wyd. II, Kraków 2023 Delimata-Proch Małgorzata, Rycheza Królowa Polski. (ok. 995-21 marca 1063) Studium historiograficzne, 2021 Deptuła Czesław, Galla Anonima mit genezy Polski : studium z historiozofii i hermeneutyki symboli dziejopisarstwa średniowiecznego, Lublin 2000 Długopolski Edmund, Władysław Łokietek na tle swoich czasów, Kraków 2009 Grochowski Paweł, Chrystian, biskup Prus 1216-1245 i misja pruska jego czasów, 2018. Kazimierz Wielki i jego państwo. W siedemsetną rocznicę urodzin ostatniego Piasta na tronie polskim, red. Jacek Maciejewski, Tomasz Nowakowski, Bydgoszcz 2011 Labuda Gerard, Mieszko II król Polski (1025-1034) : czasy przełomu w dziejach państwa polskiego, Poznań 2008 Labuda Gerard, Pierwsze wieki monarchii piastowskiej, Poznań 2012 Labuda Gerard, Święty Wojciech. Biskup-męczennik, patron Polski, Czech i Węgier, Wrocław 2004 Maleczyński Karol, Bolesław III Krzywousty, Wrocław 1975 Nikodem Jarosław, Jadwiga król Polski, Wrocław 2009 Nowak Tadeusz Marian,Władysław Łokietek - polityk i dowódca, Warszawa 1978

		Kraków 2025 Polak Wojciech, Pierwsze królestwo. Mocarstwo Bolesława Chrobrego, Rosik Stanisław, Bolesław Krzywousty, Wrocław 2013 Samsonowicz Henryk, Konrad Mazowiecki, Kraków 2008 Strzelczyk Jerzy, Bolesław Chrobry, Poznań 2003 Strzelczyk Jerzy, Mieszko I, Poznań 1999 Strzelczyk Jerzy, Zjazd gnieźnieński, Poznań 2000 Śliwiński B., Rzeź i zniszczenie Gdańska przez Krzyżaków w 1308 roku : przyczyny, przebieg i skutki, Gdańsk 2019 Trupinda Janusz, Ideologia krucjatowa w kronice Piotra z Dusburga, Malbork 1999 Urbańczyk Przemysław, Korzenie Polski, Warszawa 2024. Wyrozumski Jerzy, Kazimierz Wielki, (różne wydania) Wyrozumski Jerzy, Królowa Jadwiga : między epoką Piastowską i Jagiellońską, Kraków 2006 (różne wydania) Wyrozumski Jerzy, Legenda pruska o św. Wojciechu, Kraków 1997 Zieliński Andrzej, Władysław Łokietek : niezłomny czy nikczemny? Warszawa 2010 Banaszkiewicz Jacek, Podanie o Piaście i Popielu: studium porównawcze nad wczesnośredniowiecznymi tradycjami dynastycznymi, Warszawa 2010 Banaszkiewicz Jacek, Polskie dzieje bajeczne Mistrza Wincentego Kadłubka, Wrocław 2002 Banaszkiewicz Jacek, W stronę rytuałów i Galla Anonima, 2018 Jasiński Tomasz, O pochodzeniu Gala Anonima, Kraków 2008 Deptuła Czesław, Galla Anonima mit genezy Polski : studium z historiozofii i hermeneutyki symboli dziejopisarstwa średniowiecznego, Lublin 2000 Dalewski Zbigniew, Rytuał i polityka : opowieść Galla Anonima o konflikcie Bolesława Krzywoustego ze Zbigniewem, Warszawa 2005
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Compare the account of the baptism of Poland in the chronicles of Gall Anonim and Thietmar of Merseburg	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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