University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	World History 1918-1945 - lecture, PG_00168416						
Field of study	History						
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	part-time studies		Mode of delivery		e-learning		
Year of study	3		Language of instruction		Polish		
Semester of study	5		ECTS credits		3.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		exam		
Conducting unit	Division of 20th Century History -> Institute of History -> Faculty of History -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr hab. Przemysław Różański				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20
	E-learning hours included: 20.0						
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	To familiarize students with important events and socio-economic processes in general history (especially in Europe and USA) in the period 1918-1945. Deepening the ability to analyze historical sources from the discussed period. Developing the ability to confront various historiographical assesments.						

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[HISTL3_U08] Is able to plan and organise his/her work effectively, independently acquiring and consolidating knowledge in a structured and systematic manner	Is able to effectively plan and organize the process of independently acquiring and consolidating knowledge of world history in 1918–1945, organizing it in chronological and thematic terms and systematically deepening knowledge of the most important events, processes and phenomena of the period.	[SU8] observation of student's independent or team work
[HISTL3_W03] The student has advanced, well-structured and detailed knowledge of general history (covering the main historical periods) in both chronological and thematic terms, enabling them to deepen their knowledge and develop their research interests within their chosen specialisation	K1W_03: The student has structured and advanced detailed knowledge of general history 1918-45.	[SW4] 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: The student is ready to fulfill social obligations, co-organizing activity for the benefit of the social environment in the field of education and promotion of the historical and cultural heritage of Poland and its region and Europe.	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
[HISTL3_W06] Knows and understands comparative European history as well as the connections between the history of European integration and contemporary social, economic, and political issues.	K1H_W06: The student demonstrates knowledge of comparative analysis of the causes of world destabilization in interwar period.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[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: The student has advanced knowledge of the achievements of historiography in the field of general history 1918-45. The student is aware of the existence of various assessments and points of view in general historiography.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[HISTL3_K01] Critically evaluates his/her knowledge, demonstrates a willingness to continually expand his/her knowledge and to seek expert advice if he/she has difficulty solving a problem on his/her own	K1H_01: The student critically assesses his knowledge in the field of general history 1918-45, show readiness to correct his own assessments and seek opinion of experts.	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written

Subject contents

International policy and diplomacy of the great powers and smaller states. The USA, the Soviet Union and Europa in the global balance pf power; civilizational changes, cause and effects of the existence of totalitarian systems in the period 1918-45.

Prerequisites and co-requisites

Basic knowledge of the general history of the 19th century.

Assessment methods and criteria

Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
Assessment based on oral answers to three questions	51.0%	100.0%

Recommended reading

Basic literature	Johnson, A History of the Modern World: From 1917 to the 1980s Tyszkiewicz, General History: 20th Century Czubiński, General History of the 20th Century

	Supplementary literature	Beevor, The Second World War Bullock, Hitler and Stalin: Parallel Lives The Black Book of Communism: Crimes, Terror, Repressions, Stephane Courtois et al.
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Peace treaties with Central Powers after World War I and creation of the Versailles-Washington system. Civilization and cultural changes after World War I The Bolshevik coup and the expansion of communism Totalitarianism on the example of the Third Reich and the Soviet Union Causes of the outbreak of Worl War II	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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