University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Early Modern Times in Poland - lecture, PG_00168400						
Field of study	History						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026		Academic year of realisation of subject		2027/2028		
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	2		Language of instruction		Polish		
Semester of study	3		ECTS credits		3.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		exam		
Conducting unit	Faculty of History -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr hab. Sławomir Kościelak				
	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	Presentation of the key problems of the history of Poland in the modern period, in the 16th - 18th centuries, the development of a common Polish-Lithuanian state, the evolution of the system from a monarchy to an archized noble Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, the complexity of estate society, economic problems, multi-religious and multi-ethnicity						

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 the history of early modern Poland, 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_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	Has advanced knowledge of the achievements of historiography in the field of modern Polish history, distinguishes its main trends and is aware of the existence of different points of view in historical and related sciences, determined by different backgrounds	[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.	Is ready to fulfill social obligations, co-organize activities for the social environment in the field of education and promotion of the historical and cultural heritage of modern Poland, its region and Europe in this period	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
[HISTL3_W02] Has advanced, chronologically and thematically ordered knowledge of the history of ancient and modern Polish lands	Has advanced, chronologically and thematically organized knowledge about the history of ancient and contemporary Polish lands in the modern era	[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	Critically evaluates the knowledge acquired in the field of modern Poland, shows readiness to constantly expand it and seek the opinion of experts in case of difficulties in solving the problem on one's own	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written

Subject contents

The political system of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, Henry's articles, their importance for the history of the state, the system of state power, the Sejm, its importance, political defects, including free election and liberum veto, law and the judiciary. The manorial and serf economy and its impact on the strength and effectiveness of the state's internal and external policy, multi-ethnic and multi-religious estate society, the search for unity and common identity, centrifugal tendencies, problems and conflicts.

Prerequisites and co-requisites

General knowledge about the history of Poland and the world in the scope of a high school course

Assessment methods and criteria

Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
oral / written ezam	51.0%	100.0%

Recommended reading

Basic literature

T. Jurek, E. Kizik, *Historia Polski do 1572,* Warszawa 2013, s. 499-703

U. Augustyniak, *Historia Polski 1572 1795,* Warszawa 2008.

M. Markiewicz, *Historia Polski 1492-1795,* Kraków 2002.

Pod wspólnym niebem. Narody dawnej Rzeczypospolitej, pod red. M. Kopczyńskiego i W. Tygielskiego, Warszawa 2010

M. Ptaszyński, *Reformacja w Polsce a dziedzictwo Erazma z Rotterdamu,* Warszawa 2018

	Supplementary literature	. Topolski, *Gospodarka polska a europejska w XVI-XVIII w.,* Poznań 1977, J. Maciszewski, *Szlachta polska i jej państwo,* Warszawa 1986 J. Tazbir, *Kultura szlachecka w Polsce, rozkwit-upadek-relikty,* Warszawa 1983 I. Ihnatowicz, A. Mączak, B. Zientara, J. Żarnowski, *Społeczeństwo polskie od X do XX wieku,* Warszawa 1988 *Obyczaje w Polsce od średniowiecza do czasów współczesnych,* red. A. Chwalba, Warszawa 2006 *Prusy Królewskie. Społeczeństwo, kultura, gospodarka 1454-1772,* red. E. Kizik, Gdańsk 2012
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Area, borders, fiefs and special territories, administrative division of the common Polish-Lithuanian state; principles of functioning of the real union, responsibility for the state; government, central and land offices; state nature of law, personal and territorial particularism of law, codification of law in the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth; The judicial system in the country; dimensions and types of serfdom, types of farms; the impact of the farm economy on the situation of cities in the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth; Nobility: privileges, stratification, social prestige; The bourgeoisie: social divisions, elites, citizens and residents; Peasants: categories of free and serf population; Reasons for the Reformation in Poland, spheres of influence of Protestant denominations; Post-Tridentine reforms in the Polish Church; scope of powers of the clergy; baroque religiosity; Sarmatism: genesis of the concept, Sarmatism as an ideology, meaning, twilight, relics; compact ethnic and religious groups in the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth; national and religious diasporas in Poland in the modern period; Royal Prussia within the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth.	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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