

Subject card

Subject name and code	National varieties of the German language, PG_00149442						
Field of study	Applied Linguistics						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026		Academic year of realisation of subject		2026/2027		
Education level	Master'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	full-time studies		Mode of delivery		at the university		
Year of study	1		Language of instruction		German		
Semester of study	1		ECTS credits		2.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		credit		
Conducting unit	Institute of Applied Linguistics -> Faculty of Languages -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Jolanta Hinc				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	15.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15
	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	15		2.0		33.0	50
Subject objectives	The aim of the course is to familiarise students with the national variants of German (standards). The discussion of the variants will cover the phonetic, grammatical and lexical level.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[LSMU2_W01] He knows linguistic terminology at an extended level in German and English.	The student knows the linguistic terminology of the national varieties of the language at the Extended level in German (K_W01).	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[LSMU2_W03] He has an in-depth knowledge of the interrelationship of linguistics with other disciplines, such as psychology and sociology.	The student has knowledge of the connection between national varieties of the German language German with sociological and psychological aspects (e.g. knows the differences between between Schweizerhochdeutsch and Schweizerdeutsch - a variant of spoken language (K_W03).	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[LSMU2_W07] Knows and understands advanced methods of linguistic analysis in comparative German-Polish or English-Polish studies.	The student can compare and characterise the differences of the German, Austrian and Swiss variants.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[LSMU2_W05] He has an in-depth knowledge of the German language and its national varieties.	The student has knowledge of German and its national varieties (standards), German, Swiss, Austrian (K_W05).	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[LSMU2_K03] Recognizes the need to adhere to ethical standards related to his profession.	The student recognises the need to respect the ethical standards associated with understands the pluricentricity of the German language, understands the pluricentricity of the German language, respects the differences between various standards of the German language (K_K03).	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
Subject contents	The West German language. The situation after the Second World War - the West German language and the East German language - differences and similarities. Developmental trends of the language in the FRG at the level of grammatical categories. Trends in syntax, changes in formation. Developmental trends at the lexical level - abbreviations and acronyms, compounding. Borrowings (Americanisms, Russianisms, Romanisms). General characteristics of the German language - lexis and style. The German language in the European Union. German as a foreign language. German in Austria. Historical and linguistic information. The influence of multinationality in the Austro-Hungarian monarchy on the German language in Austria. Phonetics of the Austrian standard (pronunciation and accent). Specific phenomena on the level of grammatical categories (conjugation, declension, gradation, formation and use of tenses - especially the "Perfekt" tense). Specific phenomena at the syntactic level. Specific phenomena at the lexical level. Presentation of selected groups of vocabulary (politics, cuisine, offices, private life). German in Switzerland. The language situation in Switzerland. Standard language and its use in comparison with colloquial language and dialects. Pronunciation and accent, influence of French. Spelling, influence of French. Specificity of conjugation and formation of verb forms. Preposition - specific recursion. Specificity of lexis (Romanisms, specific abbreviations and acronyms, regional suffixes). Presentation of selected lexemes typical of the Swiss variant.		
Prerequisites and co-requisites	Knowledge of the German language at a level sufficient to achieve the learning outcomes.		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
		0.0%	20.0%
		51.0%	80.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	Ulrich Ammon: Nationale Varietäten des Deutschen, Heidelberg, 1997. Marigt Eberharther-Aksu, Hanna Biaduń-Grabarek, Reinhold Utri: Österreichisches Deutsch an polnischen Hochschulen. Peter Lang, 2021. Aleksander Szulc: Odmiany narodowe języka niemieckiego, Kraków, 1999.	
	Supplementary literature	Ulrich Ammon: Variantenwörterbuch des Deutschen, Berlin, 2002.	
	eResources addresses		

Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Give examples of lexemes typical of the Austrian, Swiss variant. Discuss the grammatical properties of the Austrian variant in terms of differences to the German variant.
Work placement	Not applicable

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