

Subject card

Subject name and code	Introduction to General Prehistory - lecture, PG_00200153						
Field of study	Archaeology						
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	full-time studies	Mode of delivery			at the university		
Year of study	1	Language of instruction			Polish		
Semester of study	1	ECTS credits			2.0		
Learning profile	academic	Assessment form			exam		
Conducting unit	Institute of Archaeology -> Faculty of History -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Andrzej Kasprzak				
	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		18.0	50
Subject objectives	This course will provide students with an introductory understanding of prehistoric archaeology, encompassing both a European-wide perspective and a specific focus on the territories of Poland.						
Learning outcomes	Course outcome		Subject outcome			Method of verification	
	[ARCHL3_U08] Can independently plan and implement his/her own lifelong learning		The student is able to independently plan and conduct their own learning of prehistory in the context of choosing their future interests/research specializations in the field of archaeology.			[SU4] test/exam - oral or written	
	[ARCHL3_K01] Is ready to critically evaluate his/her knowledge and received content		The student is prepared to critically evaluate their existing knowledge of the prehistory of Poland and Europe. They are able to verify newly acquired knowledge in this field.			[SK4] test/exam - oral or written	
	[ARCHL3_W05] Has knowledge of the main issues in the prehistory of Europe from a comparative perspective		The student possesses knowledge of comparative prehistory in Europe and Poland. They demonstrate an understanding of the distinctions between different eras.			[SW4] test/exam - oral or written	
	[ARCHL3_W01] Has knowledge of and understands selected facts, objects, and phenomena in the field of archaeology, as well as the basic theoretical approaches used to explain the relationships between them. The graduate therefore possesses fundamental general knowledge in the humanities		The student is familiar with and comprehends the general framework for dividing prehistory and the fundamental characteristics of its individual units (epochs, cultures - range, dating, indicators).			[SW4] test/exam - oral or written	

Subject contents	<p>Lecture Topics</p> <p>Outline of Prehistory of the World, Europe, and Poland: Anthropogenesis and the Beginnings of Human Culture, Economic and Social Changes, the Influence of Environmental Factors on the Dynamics of Change, Familiarizing Students with the Basic Categories of Key Artefacts for Different Periods of Prehistory</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction 2. Chronology and Periodization 3. Anthropogenesis 4. Lower, Middle, and Upper Paleolithic 5. Late Paleolithic and Mesolithic 6. Neolithic in the Near East, Neolithization of Europe 7. Neolithic (continued) and the Chalcolithic 8. Early Bronze Age 9. Late Bronze Age and the Hallstatt Period 10. La Tène Period 11. Written Sources for the Pre-Roman and Roman Periods 12. Cultures of the Younger Pre-Roman Period 13. Roman Period in Pomerania 14. Roman Period in Central and Southern Poland 15. Migration Period and the Beginning of the Early Middle Ages 								
Prerequisites and co-requisites	Knowledge of geography and history (the earliest human history and ancient history).								
Assessment methods and criteria	<table border="1" data-bbox="448 1632 1489 1749"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="448 1632 794 1666">Subject passing criteria</th> <th data-bbox="794 1632 1141 1666">Passing threshold</th> <th data-bbox="1141 1632 1489 1666">Percentage of the final grade</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="448 1666 794 1749">exam (grading criteria according to the University of Gdańsk Study Regulations)</td> <td data-bbox="794 1666 1141 1749">51.0%</td> <td data-bbox="1141 1666 1489 1749">100.0%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade	exam (grading criteria according to the University of Gdańsk Study Regulations)	51.0%	100.0%
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Recommended reading	Basic literature	nie dotyczy							
	Supplementary literature	nie dotyczy							
	eResources addresses								

<p>Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed</p>	<p>Geological epochs (Neogene: Miocene, Pliocene; Quaternary: Pleistocene, Holocene) and their dating</p> <p>Archaeological epochs (Stone Age: Paleolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic; Bronze Age, Iron Age) and their dating</p> <p>The beginnings of the Danubian Neolithic / Linear Pottery Culture (distribution, dating, key sites in Poland, types of settlements, basic artifacts, forms and decoration of pottery, main economic features)</p> <p>Archaeological cultures in Pomerania in the pre-Roman period and the period of Roman influence - characteristics (range, burial rites, chronology, material culture)</p> <p>Antique sources concerning the territory of the present Polish lands (Tacitus, Ptolemy, Jordanes)</p>
<p>Work placement</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>

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