

Subject card

Subject name and code	Research Methods in German Studies I, PG_00200517						
Field of study	German Studies						
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		3.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		credit		
Conducting unit	Division of the History of Gdańsk, Pomerania and the Baltic Region -> Institute of History -> Faculty of History -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Tomasz Rembalski				
	Teachers		dr Tomasz Rembalski				
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		43.0	75
Subject objectives	Introduction of the student to the problems of German studies in the field of historical science (subject matter-human social history, research basis-literature of the subject, sources), research process (selection of subject matter, search, criticism of sources, establishment of historical facts, creation of narratives), stages in the development of historical research, relativity of historical cognition.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[NIEML3_W01] Has knowledge of the place and importance of the scientific disciplines forming the field of German Studies in the system of sciences, their subject matter, methodological and terminological specificities, as well as the interrelationship of these sciences	Student ma wiedzę o strukturze nauki, w szczególności o miejscu i znaczeniu nauk historycznych oraz dyscyplin naukowych tworzących obszar germanistyki w systemie nauk, o ich specyfice przedmiotowej, metodologicznej i terminologicznej, a także o wzajemnych relacjach tych nauk. Zna podział literatury i źródeł historycznych. Ma także wiedzę o najważniejszych krajowych i światowych bibliotekach, archiwach i muzeach.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[NIEML3_K03] Is aware of the importance of the cultural heritage of Europe, especially of Central and Eastern Europe and the historical and cultural landscape of the German-Polish border region; is willing to act to protect and promote this heritage	Is aware of the importance of the cultural heritage of the German-speaking world, especially Germany and Austria, as well as the historical and cultural heritage of the German-Polish border region; is prepared to act to protect and promote this heritage.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SK3] text preparation/written work [SK8] observation of student's independent or team work
	[NIEML3_U01] Is able to use his/her knowledge to formulate and solve problems, acquiring and analysing information; is able to develop and present the results of his/her research	Students will be able to use their knowledge of history to formulate and solve problems related to the criticism of historical sources, obtaining and analysing information; they will be able to prepare and present the results of their research.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SU2] presentation/project/paper/report [SU3] text preparation/written work
	[NIEML3_W09] Knows and understands the economic, legal, ethical, and other conditions affecting various types of professional activity in the areas of Polish-German relations and history, as well as the key dilemmas of contemporary civilisation related to the functioning of European societies.	They know and understand the methodological, legal, and ethical principles and conditions governing the work of a German studies specialist, including the principles of acquiring, verifying, interpreting, and responsibly using information and sources concerning Polish-German relations, history, and contemporary European societies.	[SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SW2] presentation/project/paper/report [SW3] text preparation/written work
	[NIEML3_U08] Is able to cooperate in a team, also in work of an interdisciplinary nature	Able to work in a team on tasks involving the research and analysis of German studies topics, including within the framework of interdisciplinary projects.	[SU8] observation of student's independent or team work
	[NIEML3_W02] Has an advanced knowledge of the history of the countries of the German language area and of the territories historically associated with them	Possesses an advanced understanding of the principles of searching for, analyzing, critically evaluating, and interpreting sources and scholarly studies concerning the history of German-speaking countries and territories historically associated with them.	[SW3] text preparation/written work
	[NIEML3_W03] Knows the advanced research methods and tools of the historian's research workshop, including tools and methods for analysing and interpreting historical sources	The student knows the basic research methods and tools of the historian's scientific workshop, including tools and methods for analysing and interpreting historical sources. He/she has basic knowledge of auxiliary sciences of history. They will be able to collect and document materials for a research paper, prepare a bibliography, footnotes, factual, personal and geographical indexes.	[SW2] presentation/project/paper/report [SW3] text preparation/written work
	[NIEML3_W05] Has an advanced knowledge of selected topics in literary studies related to the field of study	Possesses advanced knowledge of selected research methods and tools specific to German studies, particularly regarding the acquisition, analysis, and interpretation of sources and information concerning the field of German studies.	[SW2] presentation/project/paper/report [SW3] text preparation/written work

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	[NIEML3_K02] He/she is ready to actively participate in groups, organisations and institutions implementing cultural integration and public interest activities	He is prepared to participate actively and responsibly in teams, organizations, and institutions engaged in tasks related to Polish-German cooperation, intercultural communication, and activities serving the public interest.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SK8] observation of student's independent or team work
	[NIEML3_W07] Is aware of the coexistence in the human sciences of different points of view determined by different theoretical views, different national or cultural backgrounds	The student is aware of the coexistence of different points of view in historical science determined by different theoretical views, different national or cultural backgrounds.	[SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SW2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[NIEML3_U02] Is able to select sources correctly and apply research methods appropriate to the research skills of a historian and/or literary scholar	Student will be able to correctly select sources and correctly apply research methods appropriate to the historian's research technique.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SU2] presentation/project/paper/report [SU3] text preparation/written work
	[NIEML3_W04] Has advanced and well-structured knowledge of literary studies, including its terminology, theories, and methodology.	Possesses advanced and systematic knowledge of the methods, tools, and principles of the German studies scholar's craft, including the retrieval, evaluation, analysis, and interpretation of sources and literature concerning Polish-German relations and the history and contemporary reality of Germany.	[SW3] text preparation/written work
	[NIEML3_W08] Knows and understands basic concepts and principles industrial property and copyright protection	The student knows and understands the basic concepts and principles in copyright law.	[SW3] text preparation/written work
Subject contents	History as a science; the subject of historical science; research methods; history and history; the notion of universal, national and regional history; trends in historical research; scientific literature, including the notions of scientific, popular and popular literature, types of scientific works; historical source (the definition and classification of historical sources); historical editing (philological vs. historical method, the notion of the basis of publishing, publishing instructions, selected source publications); libraries, archives and museums (their definitions and tasks, basic institutions in Poland and in the world).Bibliographic and footnote notation of literature and sources (practical classes); research conduct of a historian: determining the field and research problem, posing questions of the past and seeking answers, the role of hypothesis in the work of a historian, working with historical sources (reading source information); criticism of historical sources; auxiliary sciences of history; establishing historical facts.		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	minor tasks (making footnotes, reading the source, etc.).	51.0%	40.0%
	written work (bibliography on a chosen topic)	51.0%	30.0%
	written test	51.0%	30.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	Miśkiewicz Benon, <i>Wstęp do badań historycznych</i>, Warszawa 1973 (i późniejsze, ostatnie 1988)Pawlak Marian, Jerzy Serczyk, <i>Podstawy badań historycznych</i>, Toruń 1991 (i następne)Świeżawski Aleksander, <i>Warsztat naukowy historyka. Wstęp do badań historycznych</i>, wyd. II, rozszerzone i uzupełnione, Częstochowa 1999Topolski Jerzy, <i>Wprowadzenie do historii</i>, Poznań 1998	

	Supplementary literature	Bloch Marc, <i>Pochwała historii, czyli o zawodzie historyka</i> , tłum. W. Jedlicka, Warszawa 1962Dominiczak Henryk, <i>Przygotowanie pracy magisterskiej z historii (poradnik metodyczno-metodologiczny)</i> , Częstochowa 1996Szymański Józef, <i>Nauki pomocnicze historii</i> , Warszawa 2001 [lub inne wydania]
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	What lines of historical research do you know?What historical research methods do you know?What knowledge do you have of the most important libraries in Poland and the world?What do you know about the most important museums in Poland and in the world?What do you know about the most important archives in Poland?	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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