

Subject card

Subject name and code	Global History 2 - Poland and the World, God's Playground – Poland in-between the Great Powers , PG_00207008						
Field of study	Global Studies						
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 Humanistic-social subject group 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		English		
Semester of study	2		ECTS credits		5.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		credit		
Conducting unit							
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr hab. Magdalena Nowak				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	90.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	90
	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	90		10.0		25.0	125
Subject objectives	The aim of the classes is to demonstrate the importance of neighborhood influences on policy in and towards the state						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[GSMU2_W09] knows the norms and principles shaping interpersonal relations and the mechanisms of socio-political participation across cultural, legal, organizational, and ethical dimensions	lists and explains phenomena and analyzes hypothetical threats occurring in the socio-political space discussed during classes	[SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SW2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[GSMU2_U05] is able to analyse the mechanisms of European and international integration/disintegration and evaluate the effectiveness or risks of such processes	understands the importance of the processes taking place	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SU2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[GSMU2_U02] knows how to identify and interpret social, cultural, political legal and economic phenomena, as well as political processes and real and hypothetical threats occurring in the socio-political space in the modern world, has the ability to analyse geographical, political factors as sources of these phenomena	lists and explains phenomena and analyzes hypothetical threats occurring in the socio-political space discussed during classes	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SU2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[GSMU2_K02] is aware of the level of one's own knowledge and skills, is able to supplement them independently and critically extended by the interdisciplinary dimension, understands the need for continuous improvement and performs self-evaluation of competencies determining one's own place and role in the labour market, referring critically to the current discourse occurring in the sphere of science or practice	independently completes information from various sources and critically analyzes it	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SK2] presentation/project/paper/report
Subject contents	History of Poland in European Context; Gods Playground Poland in-between the Great Powers (Global Rivalries regional security); Polish Migrations history of Polish emigration (coerced, labor, political, post-accession) to Poland becoming an immigrant-receiving country in the context of European and World crises <i>Poland and Cold War Policy of Great Powers (prof. J. Tebinka)</i> 1. The revolution from above. The establishment of the communist regime in Poland. Defeat of Western allies policy 1944/5-1947. 2. Poland as a Soviet puppet 1948-1955. Western policy: containment and failure of liberalisation. 3. October 1956 - Gomułka in power. The birth of National Communist regime. American and British support for a new leader. 4. Evolution of communist regime in Poland 1956-1968. From liberalisation to nationalism. Failure or success of western policy. 5. The problem of Oder-Neisse line in Great Powers policy. The German-Polish Treaty of 1970 and the fall of Gomułka. 6. The decade of détente 1970-1980. Giereks economic bankruptcy. 7. NATO and Warsaw Pacts countries policy towards Poland during Solidarity Revolution. 1980-1981. 8. Martial Law and Jaruzelskis normalisation 1980-1988. 9. Polish secret service and intelligence struggle during Cold War. Political warfare. 10. Internal and external factors in the collapse of communist regime in Poland 1988-1989.		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	preparing arguments for a mini conference	51.0%	30.0%
	preparation of a final project	51.0%	50.0%
	attendance	70.0%	20.0%

Recommended reading	Basic literature	Biskupski, M. B. B. <i>The history of Poland</i>. Bloomsbury Publishing USA, 2018. Reddaway, W. F., Penson, J. H., Halecki, O., & Dyboski, R. (Eds.). (2016). <i>The Cambridge History of Poland</i>. Cambridge University Press. Wandycz, Piotr S. <i>The price of freedom: a history of East Central Europe from the Middle Ages to the present</i>. Routledge, 2017.
	Supplementary literature	-
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	-	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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