

DOCTORAL SUBJECT SUB-UNIT

Subject name	Field of study (branch) code	Faculty	Department
The Formation of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania and the Spread of European Civilization in the Late Middle Ages	History and Archaeology H 005	Faculty of History	Department of Ancient and Medieval History

Mode of study	Number of credits ECTS	Mode of study	Number of credits ECTS
lectures	2	consultations	1
individual	2	seminars	2,5

Total 7,5

Subject annotation
The formation and development of the early Lithuanian monarchy are best revealed by examining the process of the emergence of social structures as well as political, administrative, and legal institutions and their further development. This shows the long and uneven course of the Lithuanian state's formation when periods of structural change replaced periods of stagnation or even decline. The Lithuanian state formed in the context of a profound social and cultural transformation in Late Medieval (13th to 15th century) Europe. This circumstance led, on the one hand, to the clash of heterogeneous social structures on the territory of the new state, but, on the other hand, to a rapid adaptation to the already established or emerging European institutions, norms, and concepts. The course aims to analyze the development of the social and state structures of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania (hereafter referred to as the GDL) and of the neighboring countries of Western and Central-Eastern Europe to get to know the conditions and principles of the functioning of the Medieval state, to observe the tendencies of its development, to find out the preconditions for the modernization of the state structures, and to determine the periods of the most intense changes. Lithuanian society and the state in the 13th to 15th centuries were shaped and developed by adopting and developing the features of European society, therefore, its knowledge is possible only in the context of the historical process of Western and Middle Eastern Europe. Thus, the fundamental aspect of this course is the formation of the GDL under the universal influence of Late Medieval European politics and culture. On the other hand, the eastward expansion of the GDL drew it into the space of Orthodox Byzantine civilization, which led to marked regional differences within the state. The comparative perspective offered in this course allows us to appreciate the similarities and differences between the different regions of Europe and to better understand the trajectories of their further historical development. The focus is on the development of state structures and institutions and the evolution of key social and legal norms. The lectures review the main trends in the history of the GDL in the 13th to 15th centuries, contrasting them with the development of similar political, social, and cultural phenomena in Western and Middle Eastern Europe. The course presents the latest trends in European Medieval historiography. It introduces the nature of multilingual sources from the late Middle Ages. The course consists of a series of introductory tutorials: an introduction to the subject matter, coordination of the topics of the doctoral thesis; seminars in which doctoral students present their research work on a topic of their choice (corresponding to the subject matter of their thesis). This work is the basis for the assessment of the examination.
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