

Subject card

Subject name and code	Anthropology of new religious movements, PG_00167429						
Field of study	Ethnology						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject		2026/2027		
Education level	Master's studies		Subject group		Obligatory subject group in the field of study		
Mode of study	full-time studies		Mode of delivery		at the university		
Year of study	2		Language of instruction		Polish		
Semester of study	3		ECTS credits		4.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		exam		
Conducting unit	Division of Polish Ethnology and Anthropology of History -> Institute of Anthropology -> Faculty of History -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Agnieszka Bednarek-Bohdziewicz				
	Teachers		dr Agnieszka Bednarek-Bohdziewicz				
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		27.0		50.0	107
Subject objectives	Presenting to students the views of philosophers and anthropologists on magical thinking and myth.						
Learning outcomes	Course outcome		Subject outcome		Method of verification		
	[ETNOMU2_W01] Has in-depth knowledge of the specific subject matter and methodology of ethnology and cultural anthropology, which they are able to develop and creatively apply in professional activity		Has knowledge of mythological studies and magical beliefs.		[SW4] test/exam - oral or written		
	[ETNOMU2_W03] Has well-ordered detailed knowledge in selected areas of cultural knowledge, including the knowledge and understanding of the importance of promotion and protection of cultural heritage of Pomerania, Poland and the world		Is able to organize and assess the value of information regarding mythology, superstitions, stereotypes and social prejudices.		[SW4] test/exam - oral or written		
	[ETNOMU2_W04] Has in-depth knowledge of the relationship between ethnology and cultural anthropology and other humanities and social sciences, allowing for the integration of perspectives relevant to several scientific disciplines		Uses in-depth factual knowledge in the field of anthropological, psychological and sociological research on myths and magical beliefs.		[SW4] test/exam - oral or written		

Subject contents	The definition of magic and myth.		
	The history of views on magical and mythical thinking.		
	Issues of magic and myth in anthropological interpretations.		
	Practical use of the categories of myth, stereotype, ideology in contemporary social communication.		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	oral exam	51.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	L. Levy-Bruhl, Czynności umysłowe w społeczeństwach pierwotnych, Warszawa 1992 C. Lévi-Strauss, Myśl nieoswojona, wyd. dowolne. J.G. Frazer, Złota gałąź, wyd. dowolne.	
	Supplementary literature	M. Bal-Nowak, Mit jako forma symboliczna w ujęciu E. Cassirera, Nomos, Kraków 1996. B. Malinowski, Mit, magia, religia, Dzieła VII, Warszawa 1990. E. Cassirer, Mit państwa, Warszawa 2006 W. Thomas, F. Znaniecki, Chłop polski w Europie i Ameryce, t. 1. Organizacja grupy pierwotnej, rozdz. Postawy religijne i magiczne, Warszawa 1976.	
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	1. The difference between myth, philosophy and science.		
	2. Basic features of magical thinking.		
	3. Magic in modern life, current social myths.		
Work placement	Not applicable		

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