University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	WPiA - The language of law and the language of religion - about a common etymology and current image (icons of law), PG_00179151		
Field of study	History		
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025	Academic year of realisation of subject	2025/2026
Education level	Bachelor's studies	Subject group	
Mode of study	full-time studies	Mode of delivery	e-learning
Year of study	1	Language of instruction	Polish Polish
Semester of study	2	ECTS credits	2.0
Learning profile	academic	Assessment form	credit
Conducting unit	Faculty of Law and Administration -> Rector		
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor	dr hab. Dorota Maśniak	
	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: 30.0

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	0.0	20.0	50

Subject objectives

The aim of the course is to analyze the similarities and connections between the language of law and the language of religion, with particular focus on their common etymology and the images and symbols that characterize them. The course aims to understand how these two languages have developed over time and how they influence contemporary interpretations of norms and values. Participants will gain knowledge about the iconography and metaphors used in both fields, allowing for deeper reflection on their role in society.

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	the student will be able to identify and describe the shared etymological roots of the language of law and religion, as well as analyze their symbolic images and metaphors. The acquired knowledge will enable them to critically understand the influence of these languages on shaping social norms and cultural values. Additionally, the student will be able to interpret iconography and images related to these fields and utilize them in the analysis of legal and religious texts and expressions.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion [SW2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SU3] text preparation/written work [SU4] test/exam - oral or written [SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SK2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SK3] text preparation/written work [SK4] test/exam - oral or written

Subject contents

1. Introduction to the language of law and religion: definitions and basic concepts
2. Etymology and shared roots of the language of law and religion
3. Symbols and icons in the language of law images of norms and sanctions
4. Symbols and icons in the language of religion images of faith, morality, and rituals
5. Metaphors and images in the language of law constructions and their meanings
6. Metaphors and images in the language of religion interpretations and functions
7. The influence of religious language on shaping legal norms in civil and financial law area
8. The influence of legal language on shaping religious and moral images
9. Examples of shared symbols and metaphors in religious and legal texts (in field of civil and financial law)
10. Contemporary challenges and opportunities in comparative analysis of the language of law and religion

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<tr><td rowspan="3">Recommended reading</td><td>Basic literature</td><td colspan="2">Pieńkos J., Podstawy juryslingwistyki: język w prawie prawo w języku, Warszawa 1999.
Wilińska M. Wada oświadczenia woli jako metafora w akcie normatywnym, "Studia Iuridica" nr 83/2020, ss. 250261.
Reza A., Bóg. Ludzka historia religii, Kraków 2021.</td></tr>
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