University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	WPiA - Hate speech and freedom of speech. Legal and philosophical aspects of responsibility for speech, PG_00179129		
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 Tomasz Snarski	
	Teachers	dr Tomasz Snarski	

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

eNauczanie source addresses:

Moodle ID: 13368 Mowa nienawiści a wolność słowa. Prawne i filozoficzne aspekty odpowiedzialności za słowo
https://mdl.ug.edu.pl/course/view.php?id=13368

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

To familiarise the student with the knowledge of basic issues and concepts of contemporary protection of human rights and their philosophical and legal aspects. To assimilate the student's grasp of the basic problems of equality before the law and freedom of speech, and hate speech issues.

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	Students are able to use and integrate theoretical knowledge from the scope of penal law and human rights concerning the phenomenon of hate speech. He or she is able to use knowledge from the scope of criminal law and human rights in order to analyse and interpret complex legal, moral, philosophical, social problems.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SK3] text preparation/written work [SK8] observation of student's independent or team work

Subject contents

The concept of human rights, human rights standards and systems. The European system of human rights protection. The principle of equality, the right to freedom of expression, the phenomenon and legal issues of the limits of freedom of expression, the concept of hate speech. Legal, including criminal law limits to freedom of expression.

Prerequisites and co-requisites

Assessment methods and criteria

Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
essay	51.0%	100.0%

Recommended reading	Basic literature	1. Mowa nienawiści a wolność słowa. Aspekty prawne i społeczne, red. R. Wieruszewski, M. Wyrzykowski, A. Bodnar, A. Gliszczyńska-Grabias, Warszawa 2010. 2. A. Clapham, Human Rights: A Very Short Introduction, Oxford University Press 2015. 3. R. Guzik, Wolność słowa a mowa nienawiści. Analiza karnoprawna, Warszawa 2021. 4. Education, Equality and Human Rights: Issues of gender, 'race', sexuality, disability and social class, ed. Mike Cole, Routledge 2011. 5. Prawna kwalifikacja mowy nienawiści. Krajowe i europejskie uwarunkowania nadużycia wolności wypowiedzi, red. J. Taczkowska-Olszewska, Warszawa 2024.
	Supplementary literature	no
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Right to freedom of expression Principle of equality before the law Concept of human rights and categories of human rights Systems of human rights protection The phenomenon of hate speech Legal aspects and limitations to freedom of expression Criminalisation of hate speech	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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