

Subject card

Subject name and code	Eastern Religions and Philosophical Systems part I, PG_00134557						
Field of study	Eastern Studies						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026		Academic year of realisation of subject		2027/2028		
Education level	Bachelor's studies		Subject group		Obligatory subject group in the field of study 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	2		Language of instruction		Polish		
Semester of study	3		ECTS credits		3.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		credit		
Conducting unit							
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Jacek Splisgart				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20
	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	20		2.0		53.0	75
Subject objectives	The notion of the East is a peculiar, very capacious construct of Western civilization, which today raises legitimate controversies. Learning about its cultural richness is crucial not only for understanding and cooperating with the region, but above all for understanding our own civilization and culture (whose roots are precisely in the East) and our position vis-à-vis what we are used to calling the East, especially Eastern spirituality. The lecture should bring a deeper understanding of cultural processes and cultural relativism.						
Learning outcomes	Course outcome		Subject outcome		Method of verification		
	[SWSCHL3_W13] Has advanced knowledge of the structure and functions of cultural systems, primarily in the context of Russian culture and the second selected area		Knows the place and importance of religion for East Asian cultural and social systems.		[SW2] presentation/project/paper/report		
	[SWSCHL3_W09] Has advanced knowledge of the connections between cultural and religious studies and history with political science and administration, economics and finance, and socio-economic geography		Knows the historical and contemporary religious traditions of East Asia.		[SW2] presentation/project/paper/report		
	[SWSCHL3_W06] Has advanced knowledge of selected issues within the specialised study of the culture and religion of Russia and of the second selected area		Knows the most important religious institutions specific to East Asia.		[SW2] presentation/project/paper/report		
	[SWSCHL3_K06] Recognizes and respects differences in points of view determined by diverse national and cultural backgrounds, and is ready to engage in activities promoting cultural integration		Being aware of the religious-philosophical diversity in East Asia.		[SK2] presentation/project/paper/report		

Subject contents	Asian religions and philosophical systems: Siberian Shamanism. Religions of ancient India: vedism, Brahmanism, Hinduism (Vishnuism, Shivaism, Krishnaitism). Cosmology, mythology, demonology of Hinduism. Yoga. Jainism. Sikhism. Buddhism (various streams of Buddhism, teachings of the historical Buddha, discussion of selected Buddhist sutras, Mahayana, Hinayana and Vajrayana Buddhism). Historical Buddhist schools (tiantai, pure land school), tantric Buddhism. The peculiarities of Tibetan Buddhism (ningma, sakya, karma kagyu and gelug schools), khan Buddhism (Bodhidharma teachings, khan classical period, selected khan schools). Zen Buddhism. Shinto religion. Islam (Sunnism, Shiism, Sufism, various faces of modern Islam, Wahhabism, liberal Islam). Religions and philosophical systems of China: mythology, cosmogony, cosmology, demonology of China. Fantasy animals in Chinese culture. Chinese astrology. Taoism. Daodejing, Laozi and Zhuangzi thought. Confucianism and Neo-Confucianism. The Confucian Five Books. Kongfuzi and Mengzi. Mozi. Legism and its philosophy. Chinese reception of Buddhism and its cultural role. Islam in China. The religious life of contemporary China. Chinese religious syncretism.		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	Presentation on a selected aspect of East Asian religion/philosophy	51.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	Keller J. (red.), Zarys dziejow religii, rozne wydania (Warszawa 1986 i nowsze). Nakamura H., Systemy myslenia ludow wschodu. Indie, Chiny, Tybet, Japonia, Krakow, 2005 F. Avanzini Religie Chin, Krakow, 2004. M. Kunstler, Mitologia chinska, Warszawa, 1981. A. Kozyra, Mitologia japońska, Warszawa, 2011. H. Ogarek-Czój, Mitologia Korei, Warszawa, 1988.	
	Supplementary literature	W. Kotański, W kręgu shintoizmu. T.I-II, (wydanie dowolne) Liu J.L., Wprowadzenie do filozofii chinskiej. Od mysli starozytnej do chinskiego buddyzmu, Krakow, 2010 H. Ogarek-czój, religie Korei. Rys historyczny, Warszawa, 2015. Schwartz B., Starozytna mysl chinska, Krakow, 2009 Yao X., Konfucjanizm. Wprowadzenie, Krakow, 2009	
	eResources addresses		
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Mongolian beliefs Central Asian shamanism Hinduism Sikhism Jainism Buddhism Christianity Islam China (indigenous beliefs and influx beliefs) Japan and Korea (indigenous beliefs and influx beliefs) Indochina (Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, Thailand, Myanmar) Beliefs of Indonesia and Malaysia		
Work placement	Not applicable		