University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	History of Japan, PG_00197588		
Field of study	Eastern Studies		
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026	Academic year of realisation of subject	2026/2027
Education level	Bachelor's studies	Subject group	Obligatory subject group in the field of study Optional subject group 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	1	Language of instruction	Polish
Semester of study	2	ECTS credits	3.0
Learning profile	academic	Assessment form	exam
Conducting unit	Division of East Asian Culture and Languages -> Institute of Russian and Eastern Studies -> Faculty of Languages -> Rector		
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	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	2.0	43.0	75

Subject objectives

The purpose of the course is to introduce students to selected topics on Japanese history from pre-historic times to the latest developments at the turn of the 20th century.

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[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	Student has advanced knowledge of Japan in terms of culture, history and society.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[SWSCHL3_W02] Knows and understands advanced terminology in the fields of history, political science and administration, and socio-economic geography and spatial management	Student is familiar with terminology from the historical sciences relevant to the study of Japan.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[SWSCHL3_U03] Is able to develop research results and present them in accordance with the principles applicable in the given academic discipline	Student is able to process the results of library searches in a manner consistent with the principles of Japanese studies.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
[SWSCHL3_U10] Is able to communicate with the environment using specialist terminology in the fields of cultural and religious studies, economics and finance, history, political science and administration, and socio-economic geography	Student is able to identify and discuss the most important issues in Japanese history using specialist historical terminology.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written

Subject contents

The topics of the lectures oscillate around the following issues: Mythical origins of Japan - from myth to history; Prehistory - from the cultures of the first hunters to the early ceramic forms (Jomon period); Yayoi period and the emergence of Yao society; Contacts with the continent - the first half of the first millennium AD. ; Japan of the aristocratic period; The era of the pa-nation of the samurai; The period of civil war and the unification of Japan; The golden ages of Japanese culture (the Edo period); Japan at the dawn of modernity - the Meiji period; Between the wars - Japan of the 20-year interwar period; World War II in the Pacific; Japan's recent history

Prerequisites and co-requisites

Assessment methods and criteria

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

Recommended reading

Basic literature	Frederic L., 1971 Zycie codzienne w Japonii w epoce samurajow, Warszawa Frederic L., 1988 Zycie codzienne w Japonii u progu nowoczesnosci, Warszawa Hal J.W., 1979 Japonia, Warszawa Kubiak Ho-Chi B. (red.), 2006 Japonia okresu Meiji. Od tradycji do nowoczesnosci, Warszawa Pałasz- Rutkowska E. Starecka K., 2004 Japonia, Warszawa
Supplementary literature	ANDRESSEN Curtis, 2004 Krotka historia Japonii. Od samurajow do Sony, Warszawa Tubielewicz Jolanta, 1996 Wielkie odkrycia i zagadki japonskiej archeologii, Warszawa
eResources addresses	

Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed

Ancestors of modern Japanese.Contacts with the mainland: China and Korea.The aristocratic period.The samurai period.Contacts with Europe and the USA.

Work placement	Not applicable

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