University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Judaism: History and Biblical Literature - Lecture, PG_00200662						
Field of study	Religious 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	exam			
Conducting unit							
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		prof. dr hab. Grzegorz Szamocki				
	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	To acquaint the student with the origins and history of Judaism and the practical expressions of the religion.						

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[RELL3_W04] Has structured knowledge of the history of different religions and understands the historical factors shaping their development.	Identifies the changeable and unchangeable elements in Judaism, which are the determinants of the essence of this religion.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[RELL3_W03] Has structured detailed knowledge in the area of culture and religion studies.	The student explains the basic terms and concepts functioning in relation to Jewish history and religion. Lists hypotheses regarding the origins of Judaism. Describes the foundations of rabbinic ideology. Identifies the changeable and unchangeable elements in Judaism, which are determinants of the essence of the religion.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[RELL3_U04] Is able to define, explain and correctly use specialist terminology from the fields of culture and religion studies, history and philosophy in oral and written communication, both in academic work and in outreach activities.	Student potrafi precyzyjnie operować terminami i pojęciami z zakresu źródeł i dziejów judaizmu. Porządkuje żydowskie święta zgodnie z cyklem liturgicznym i porównuje ich charakter ze świętami chrześcijańskimi. Rozpoznaje i ocenia motywy oraz porządek judaistycznego rytuału w życiu.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
[RELL3_U03] Is able to obtain information using bibliographies, archival aids, databases and other sources, and critically analyse, classify, categorise and synthesise it in order to solve problems formulated independently or by others.	The student is able to operate accurately with terms and concepts from the sources and history of Judaism. Compares the religious practices of Palestinian Judaism and Diaspora Judaism. Classifies Jewish religious and social views according to the directions in Judaism of the 18th-20th centuries.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
[RELL3_K02] Is prepared to undertake activities supporting the protection and promotion of the cultural heritage of the region, Poland and Europe.	He is open to researching religious contentious and controversial issues. He is creative in revising and overcoming hurtful stereotypical views.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion
[RELL3_K01] Critically evaluates their knowledge, demonstrates readiness for its systematic development and seeks expert opinions in situations involving difficulties in independently solving problems.	He is aware of the limited scope of his knowledge and understands the need to develop his own competence. Demonstrates responsibility for the opinions expressed about the manifestations of religious life.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion

Subject contents

The origins and history of Judaism along with contemporary Jewish movements; Judaic heortology; life ritual and customs.

Prerequisites and co-requisites

Assessment methods and criteria

Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
Class attendance	80.0%	10.0%
Credit test	51.0%	90.0%

Recommended reading

Basic literature	Collins, John J. The Invention of Judaism: Torah and Jewish Identity from Deuteronomy to Paul, University of California Press, 2017
Supplementary literature	Adler, Y., Title The origins of Judaism: an archaeological-historical reappraisal, New Haven: Yale University Press, 2022.
eResources addresses	

Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Tradition about Moses: his history and role. Religious practices of the Judeans in the Persian period. The most important Jewish holidays. The most important works of Moses Maimonides. The Holocaust
Work placement	Not applicable

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