University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Religious Law, PG_00200682						
Field of study	Religious Studies						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026		Academic year of realisation of subject		2028/2029		
Education level	Bachelor's studies		Subject group		Obligatory subject group in the field of study Humanistic-social subject group		
Mode of study	full-time studies		Mode of delivery		at the university		
Year of study	3		Language of instruction		Polish		
Semester of study	5		ECTS credits		2.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		credit		
Conducting unit							
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr hab. Wojciech Gajewski, prof. UG				
	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		18.0	50
Subject objectives	The purpose of the course is to understand the essence of the systems of state-church relations and religious associations.						

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[RELL3_W09] Knows and understands the basic economic, legal and ethical conditions of professional activity in the context of interactions between representatives of different religions, including the basic concepts and principles of intellectual property protection and copyright law.	The student has knowledge of the complexity of Polish religious law.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[RELL3_W06] Knows and understands the relationships between culture and religion studies and other humanities and social sciences.	Understands the essence of the systems of state-church relations and religious associations. He has knowledge of interpretation disputes on the grounds of Articles 25 and 53 of the Constitution. He has knowledge of the civil, constitutional and penal protection of the principle of freedom of conscience and religion, as well as of the financial situation of churches and other religious associations, of their own activity and public function, of the legal status of a clergyman.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[RELL3_U06] Is able to construct well-founded arguments with reference to the views of other authors and formulate conclusions.	The student has the ability to critically evaluate the institutions of Polish denominational law, as well as to prepare and analyse the statutes of a denominational association. The ability to interpret religious law and to search for solutions when conflicting principles clash (e.g. the principle of a child's religious freedom versus the principle of parental authority).	[SU8] observation of student's independent or team work
[RELL3_K03] Is prepared to recognise and respect different perspectives shaped by diverse religious, national and cultural backgrounds.	The social competence of recognising flawed regulations and being able to identify appropriate solutions.	[SK8] observation of student's independent or team work

Subject contents

During the course of the classes, issues of Polish religious law and elements of the internal law of religious associations, including the Code of Canon Law, are discussed. Specific issues addressed in the exercises include:- denominational law versus the internal law of a religious association- from the history of canon law- the influence of canon law on the development of secular law in medieval Europe- concordat of the Republic of Poland of 1993 (type of concordat, procedure of conclusion, preamble, clauses)- typology of state-church relations- model relations (United States, France, Germany, Soviet Union, People's Republic of Poland)- Constitutional guarantees of the principle of freedom of conscience and religion (religion) - analysisconcepts- The principle of freedom of conscience and confession (religion) in the constitutions of 1921 (1935), 1952 and1997; theory and practice- detailed analysis of the preamble, article 53 and 25 of the Constitution of the Third Republic- development of the above-mentioned principle in peri-constitutional acts within the hierarchy of actslegal acts- protection of the above principle in constitutional, civil and criminal law- Legal personality of religious associations in the Third Republic- representation of ecclesiastical legal persons- procedure for registration of a religious association in the Third Republic- statute of a religious association- public functions of religious associations- own activities of religious associations- the conclusion of marriage in the Third Republic in the form of a religious association- problems of annulment of marriage in canon law- interpenetration of canon law and civil law in the subject area- property situation of religious associations in the Third Republic of Poland- legal situation of the clergy in the Third Republic

Prerequisites and co-requisites

Assessment methods and criteria

Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
attendance	75.0%	50.0%
oral credit	51.0%	50.0%

Recommended reading	Basic literature	A. Mezglewski, P. Misztal, P. Stanisz, Prawo Wyznaniowe, wyd. Beck Ustawy (pełny wykaz na stronie Zakładu Prawa Kościelnego i Wyznaniowego) Konstytucja III RP Konkordat zawarty przez III RP Ustawa z 17 V 1989 o gwarancjach wolności sumienia i wyznania Ustawa z 17 V 1989 o stosunku Państwa do Kościoła Katolickiego Ustawa z 1959 r. o cmentarzach i chowaniu zmarłych
	Supplementary literature	Fragmenty Kodeksu prawa kanonicznego Fragmenty ustaw: Kodeks karny, Kodeks postępowania karnego, Kodeks karny wykonawczy, Kodeks cywilny, Ustawy z zakresu finansów publicznych, Kodeks pracy, ustawy z zakresu zabezpieczenia społecznego
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	-	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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