University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Sociology of Religion - Lecture, PG_00200687						
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	exam			
Conducting unit	Division of Social Anthropology -> Institute of Sociology -> Faculty of Social Sciences -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor	dr Krzysztof Ulanowski					
	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 classes are intended to expand the student's knowledge of the basics of the social phenomenon of religion, its social function and role in the life of an individual and society. To a no lesser extent, they are intended to define the civilizational phenomenon of religiosity and its different assessments depending on the method of social analysis.						

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.	Understands basic religious issues in different belief systems and the resulting ethical principles. Knows what copyright is.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[RELL3_W06] Knows and understands the relationships between culture and religion studies and other humanities and social sciences.	The student is aware of the numerous connections between cultural and religious studies and other humanities disciplines.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[RELL3_W02] Has structured general knowledge covering terminology, theoretical issues and methodology in the field of the study of culture and religion.	Has sufficient knowledge about man as an entity constituting social structures and the influence of religion and culture on it.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[RELL3_W01] Has structured knowledge of the place and significance of the humanities within the system of sciences, including their terminology and subject-specific and methodological characteristics.	Has advanced knowledge of the place and importance of the humanities in the system of sciences, their terminology, subject and methodological specificity.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[RELL3_U05] Is able to prepare written work in Polish and a selected foreign language, correctly using specialist terminology and academic apparatus.	Is able to prepare written works on the field of religion and culture, as well as oral statements in Polish and a selected foreign language, correctly using professional terminology and scientific apparatus.	[SU4] 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.	Is able to correctly use professional terminology in the field of cultural and religious studies in scientific and popular science issues.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
[RELL3_K03] Is prepared to recognise and respect different perspectives shaped by diverse religious, national and cultural backgrounds.	the student is full of respect for other religions and understands the ethical and religious conditions underlying different views.	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written

Subject contents

Sociology of religion and other sciences of religion; religious or sociological discipline. Sociological definitions of religion. Tasks of the sociology of religion seen from a theoretical and practical perspective. Classic and contemporary theories of the sociology of religion: A. Comte, H. Spencer, K. Marx, M. Weber, E. Durkheim, T. Parsons, P. Berger, T. Luckmann. Overview of the main historical forms of religion: primary, ancient, great religions of the East and West, modern religious movements the most representative examples. An attempt to define individual religions using selected sociological theories.

Prerequisites and co-requisites

Have a basic knowledge abut a society.

Assessment methods and criteria

Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
exam	60.0%	100.0%

Recommended reading

Basic literature	G. Kehrer, Introduction to the Sociology of Religion, Kraków 1996W. Piwowarski, Sociology of religion. Anthology of texts, Kraków 2007P. Berger, The Holy Canopy, Kraków 1997.M. Libiszowski-Żółtkowska, J. Mariański, Lexicon of Sociology of Religion. Phenomena research theories, Warsaw 2004.
Supplementary literature	E. Barker, New religious movements, Kraków 2002K. Leszczyńska, Z. Pasek, New spirituality in monocultural and pluralistic societies, Kraków 2008;Th. Luckmann, The Invisible Religion, Kraków 1996.P. Berger, The Holy Canopy, Kraków 1997.
eResources addresses	

Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed

Mutual cooperation and coherence of socio-religious processes. Understanding the threat to contemporary relations between religion and society. New religious and spiritual movements. Traditional and modern influences of external religions. Spirituality and secularization.

Work placement

Not applicable