University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Anthropology of New Religious Movements, PG_00201030		
Field of study	Ethnology		
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026	Academic year of realisation of subject	2027/2028
Education level	Master's studies	Subject group	Obligatory subject group 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	4.0
Learning profile	academic	Assessment form	exam
Conducting unit	Division of Polish Ethnology and Anthropology of History -> Institute of Anthropology -> Faculty of History -> Rector		
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor	dr Agnieszka Bednarek-Bohdziewicz	
	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	22.0	48.0	100

Subject objectives

Presenting to students the views of philosophers and anthropologists on magical thinking and myth.

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[ETNOMU2_W04] Has in-depth knowledge of the relationship between ethnology and cultural anthropology and other humanities and social sciences	Uses in-depth factual knowledge in the field of anthropological, psychological and sociological research on myths and magical beliefs.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[ETNOMU2_W03] Has well-ordered, in-depth knowledge in selected areas of knowledge about culture and religion, including the knowledge and understanding of the importance of promotion and protection of cultural heritage of Pomerania, Poland and the world	Is able to organize and assess the value of information regarding mythology, superstitions, stereotypes and social prejudices.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[ETNOMU2_W01] Has in-depth knowledge of the specific subject matter and methodology of ethnology and cultural anthropology, which they are able to develop and creatively apply in professional activity	Has knowledge of mythological studies and magical beliefs.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written

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<tr><td>Subject contents</td><td>The definition of magic and myth.

The history of views on magical and mythical thinking.

Issues of magic and myth in anthropological interpretations.

Practical use of the categories of myth, stereotype, ideology in contemporary social communication.</td></tr>
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<tr><td>oral exam</td><td>51.0%</td><td>100.0%</td></tr>
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<tr><td>Recommended reading</td><td>
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<tr><td>Basic literature</td><td>L. Levy-Bruhl, Czynności umysłowe w społeczeństwach pierwotnych, Warszawa 1992
C. Lévi-Strauss, Myśl nieoswojona, wyd. dowolne.
J.G. Frazer, Złota gałąź, wyd. dowolne.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Supplementary literature</td><td>M. Bal-Nowak, Mit jako forma symboliczna w ujęciu E. Cassirera, Nomos, Kraków 1996.
B. Malinowski, Mit, magia, religia, Dzieła VII, Warszawa 1990.
E. Cassirer, Mit państwa, Warszawa 2006
W. Thomas, F. Znaniecki, Chłop polski w Europie i Ameryce, t. 1. Organizacja grupy pierwotnej, rozdz. Postawy religijne i magiczne, Warszawa 1976.</td></tr>
<tr><td>eResources addresses</td><td></td></tr>
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<tr><td>Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed</td><td>1. The difference between myth, philosophy and science.

2. Basic features of magical thinking.

3. Magic in modern life, current social myths.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Work placement</td><td>Not applicable</td></tr>
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