

Subject card

Subject name and code	Social and Political Realities of Modern Japan, PG_00209066						
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 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	1		ECTS credits		1.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		credit		
Conducting unit							
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Jacek Splisgart				
	Teachers		dr Jacek Splisgart				
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	15.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15
	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	15		1.0		9.0	25
Subject objectives	The purpose of this class is to introduce students to the social and political changes that took place in the second half of the 20th century and the beginning of the 21st century in Japan.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[SWSCHL3_U03] Is able to develop research results and present them in accordance with the principles applicable in the given academic discipline	Can develop an analysis of selected sources and present it during the final credit.	[SU3] text preparation/written work
	[SWSCHL3_W08] Has basic knowledge in the field of social communication, also oriented towards practical applications in the selected sphere of cultural activity, particularly in the area of international cooperation related to the Polish and Russian linguistic areas and the second language of the study programme	Knows the cultural aspects of institutions found in Japan.	[SW3] text preparation/written work
	[SWSCHL3_W02] Knows and understands advanced terminology in the fields of history, political science and administration, and socio-economic geography and spatial management	Knows the history of the key events that have shaped Japan's current sociopolitical reality.	[SW3] text preparation/written work
	[SWSCHL3_U01] Is able to search for, analyse, evaluate, select, and use information by applying advanced information and communication technologies	Using scientific sources and databases student is able to search for information on the importance of Japanese society in the Asian cultural circle	[SU3] text preparation/written work
	[SWSCHL3_W05] Knows and understands the basic principles of creating and developing various forms of entrepreneurship, the structures of different forms of social and economic institutions, and the rationale behind the functioning of their individual components	Knows the most important socio-cultural and political Japanese institutions.	[SW3] text preparation/written work
Subject contents	The topics of the lectures oscillate around the following issues: The formation of modern Japanese society; From samurai to political parties - the rise of constitutional monarchy in Japan; Japan's political scene after 1945; Contemporary socio-political issues; Japanese society - between egalitarianism and classism; Socio-political problems and challenges of the 21st century; Demographic structure of Japan.		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	Essay	51.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	Goodman R., Imoto Y, Toivonen T. (eds), 2012, A Sociology of Japanese Youth. From returnees to NEET, New York Melanowicz M., 2020, Cywilizacja Japonii współczesnej Wstęp do badań, Warszawa Shirahase S. (ed), 2011, Demographic Change and Inequality in Japan, Melbourne Totman C., 2009 Historia Japonii, Krakow	

	Supplementary literature	Brumann Ch., Schulz E. (eds), 2012, Urban Spaces in Japan. Cultural and social perspectives, New York Doak K.M., 2012, A History of Nationalism in Modern Japan. Placing the People, Boston Hal J.W., 1979 Japonia, Warszawa Kubiak Ho-Chi B. (red.), 2006 Japonia okresu Meiji. Od tradycji do nowoczesności, Warszawa Kumagai F., 2008, Families in Japan. Changes, Continuities and Regional Variations, Maryland
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Japan's parliament. Japan's education system. The family and its functions. Religious aspects of Japanese society.	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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