University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Anthropology of East Asia, PG_00137256		
Field of study	Japanese Studies		
Date of commencement of studies	October 2027	Academic year of realisation of subject	2027/2028
Education level	Bachelor's studies	Subject group	Obligatory subject group in the field of study Optional subject group 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	2	ECTS credits	2.0
Learning profile	academic	Assessment form	credit
Conducting unit	Division of East Asian Culture and Languages -> Institute of Russian and Eastern Studies -> Faculty of Languages -> Rector		
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor	dr Jacek Splisgart	
	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

To introduce students to the basic problems of Orientalist research such as conceptualization of the term Asia, regional differences, field research methods, cultural and ethnic diversity of the continent.

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[JAPL3_W05] Is familiar with specialized terminology in the fields of science, culture, and religion; linguistics; and other disciplines relevant to the Japanese Studies program.		[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion [SW2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SW5] implementation of a problem task
[JAPL3_U08] Can prepare and deliver an oral presentation and participate in a debate on cultural, social, and economic topics related to Japan.		[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU2] presentation/project/paper/ report
[JAPL3_W10] Understands the interdisciplinary connections between linguistics, cultural and religious studies, and other disciplines within Japanese studies.		[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion [SW2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SW5] implementation of a problem task
[JAPL3_K02] Is ready to actively participate in intercultural dialogue, promote Japanese culture, and initiate activities for cultural integration.	Is ready to take an active part in intercultural dialogue, promote East Asian culture, and initiate and support efforts to foster cultural integration.	[SK2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SK8] observation of student's independent or team work
[JAPL3_U04] Is able to prepare and present the results of an analysis in written and oral form in accordance with academic standards.		[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU2] presentation/project/paper/ report
[JAPL3_W06] Is familiar with the fundamental historical, social, and cultural processes shaping the contemporary situation in East Asia.	Student is familiar with various aspects of Japanese culture and the Japanese civilization circle in comparison with other countries in the region.	[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion [SW2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SW5] implementation of a problem task

Subject contents

Introduction - how to define Asia? Asian issues in anthropology. The linguistic mosaic of Asia. Family and kinship sys-tems in Asia. Ethnic and identity issues with examples of selected Asian groups. Religions. Anthropolo-gy of the city - oriental perspective. Applied anthropology - development anthropology, post-colonialism. Japan - anthropology of modernity. China and its cultural role in the region. Asia imagined - Asia as seen through the eyes of foreigners. Contemporary problems of Asia. Asian minorities in the world - problems and challenges.

Prerequisites and co-requisites

Assessment methods and criteria

Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
Project (presentation) of the specific research problem	51.0%	100.0%

Recommended reading

Basic literature	Cormie B., Matthews S., Polinsky M., Atlas jezykow. Pochodzenie i rozwoj jezykow swiata, Poznan, 1998. Evans G. (ed.), Asiaa Cultural Mosaic. An Anthropological Introduction, Singapore, 1993. Hendry J., Understanding Japanese Society, London/New York, 2003. Levi-Strauss C., Po drugiej stronie ksiezyca. Pisma o Japonii, Krakow, 2013. Nakane Ch., Japanese Society, Tokyo, Singapore, Vermont, 1973. Pimpaneau J., Chiny. Kultura i tradycje, Warszawa, 2001.
Supplementary literature	Majewicz A.F., Jezyki swiata i ich klasyfikowanie, Warszawa, 1989. Posern-Zielinski A. (red.), Wielka encyklopedia geografii swiata. Swiat grup etnicznych, Poznan, 2000 B. Literatura uzupełniajaca Ibn Battuta, Osobliwosci miast i dziwy podrozy, wydanie dowolne. Nikitin A., Wedrowka za trzy morza, Wrocław, 1952. Polo M., Opisanie swiata, wydanie dowolne.
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed

Ethnogenesis of the various societies of East Asia.Religion and philosophy.Cultural and social systems of East Asia.Folklore of East Asia.

Work placement

Not applicable

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