University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Economy of Japan, PG_00143319						
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 Humanistic-social subject group		
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		3.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		exam		
Conducting unit							
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr hab. Tomasz Bieliński				
	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		43.0	75
Subject objectives	To learn the basic issues concerning the characteristics of Japan's economy, the country's main economic problems and Japanese business models.						

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.	Is familiar with the methodology for performing tasks, standards, procedures, and best practices used in institutions involved in economic activities related to international cooperation in the field of Polish and Japanese.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[JAPL3_W06] Is familiar with the fundamental historical, social, and cultural processes shaping the contemporary situation in East Asia.	Has knowledge of selected types of economic structures in Japan.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[JAPL3_U08] Can prepare and deliver an oral presentation and participate in a debate on cultural, social, and economic topics related to Japan.	Is able to analyze research findings and present them in a manner consistent with the principles of economic science.	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/ report
[JAPL3_K03] Demonstrates initiative, perseverance, and entrepreneurial thinking and action in carrying out professional and social tasks.	Actively conducts analyses of economic issues related to the Polish and Japanese economic sectors.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SK2] presentation/project/paper/ report
[JAPL3_K05] Recognizes ethical dilemmas in cultural, translation, and business activities, acts in accordance with the principles of professional ethics, and respects the achievements of the profession.	Recognizes ethical dilemmas in economic and business activities related to Japan, acts in accordance with the principles of professional and business ethics, and respects the professional achievements in the field of the Japanese economy.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SK2] presentation/project/paper/ report
[JAPL3_U04] Is able to prepare and present the results of an analysis in written and oral form in accordance with academic standards.	Is able to analyze economic issues, following an appropriate selection of research methods and tools characteristic of the economic sciences.	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/ report
[JAPL3_W08] Knows the basics of economics, the Japanese economy, and the mechanisms of functioning in an intercultural business environment.	Has a well-organized understanding of selected economic issues, focused on practical application in the field of business activities related to the Polish and Japanese languages.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written

Subject contents

General characteristics of Japan's economy and main macroeconomic indicators. Sectors of the Japanese economy: agriculture, industry, services. Japan's foreign trade. History of the Japanese economy. First contacts with Europe (16th century), Edo period, from the Meiji Restoration to World War II. Postwar economy. Economic partnership agreement between the European Union and Japan and integration processes in Asia and the world. Japan's human capital, the problem of an aging population, the issue of migration. Japan's banking system, problems with the value of money and the results of the maintaining low interest rates. Japan's public finances with special attention to the problems of public debt. Competitiveness and innovation of Japan's economy and strategies for innovation development. Japanese production systems and business models - Kaizen, Just in time, Kanban, Ji-doka, 5S.

Prerequisites and co-requisites

Knowledge of basic economics.

Assessment methods and criteria

Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
Exam	51.0%	35.0%
Active participation in classes	51.0%	10.0%
Quiz	51.0%	10.0%
PESTLE analysis	51.0%	20.0%
Presentation - innovativeness	51.0%	14.0%
Presentation of a selected company	51.0%	11.0%

Recommended reading

Basic literature

Bielinski Tomasz, Gostomski Eugeniusz, Lekcja z niskich stop procentowych w japonskim systemie bankowym dla bankow europejskich Pieniadze i Wiez, 2018 | 21 | 1(78) | 65-74
Gostomski Eugeniusz, Michałowski Tomasz, Tworzenie europejsko-japonskiej strefy wolnego handlu, Pieniadze i Wiez, 2017 | 20 | 4(77) | 171-178

	Supplementary literature	Jeffrey K. Liker, Droga Toyoty. 14 zasad zarzadzania wiodacej firmy, MT Biznes, 2016. Miedzynarodowe stosunki gospodarcze, red. E. Oziewicz, T. Michałowski, PWE, Warszawa 2013 Prowadzacy kazdorazowo uaktualnia obowiazujacy zestaw literatury przedmiotu.
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Performing a PESTLE analysis for a selected Japanese company Making a presentation on innovation, as well as indicators and systems to supporting innovation of a selected Japanese company	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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