University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Religions in the contemporary world, PG_00176684		
Field of study	Sociology		
Date of commencement of studies	October 2027	Academic year of realisation of subject	2029/2030
Education level	Bachelor's studies	Subject group	Obligatory subject group in the field of study Optional subject group Humanistic-social 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	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	0.0	20.0	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
[SOCL3_W04] The graduate knows and understands in an advanced way the types of informal and formal social bonds that arise in different types of groups, social networks and societies, and with the regularities governing their change.	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
[SOCL3_W09] The graduate knows and understands various views on social life and selected social structures and institutions expressed in the everyday world, public and scientific discourse, and is familiar with their historical evolution	Knows and understands at an advanced level the connections between cultural and religious studies with other humanities and social sciences.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[SOCL3_U10] The graduate will be able to prepare and deliver an oral speech in Polish and English on a selected issue in the field of sociology using basic theoretical approaches and various sources of knowledge about society	Is able to prepare written works and oral statements in Polish and a selected foreign language, correctly using professional terminology and scientific apparatus.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
[SOCL3_W05] The graduate has advanced knowledge of man as a subject constituting social structures and the rules of their functioning, as well as acting in these structures and participating in cultural practices in the local, regional environment, the area of national culture and global exchange	Has sufficient knowledge of man as an entity constituting social structures, the principles of their functioning, as well as acting in these structures and participating in the cultural, religious and social practices of society.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[SOCL3_U03] The graduate is able to analyse the causes and course of social processes and phenomena	Correctly identifies and resolves dilemmas related to the profession in the field of sociology of religion.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
[SOCL3_U08] The graduate is able to analyse current social phenomena in the context of knowledge about the mechanisms of human activity, the impact of a group on an individual and the processes of change that Polish society, European society and that of the world undergoes	Is able to use basic theoretical concepts, research paradigms and concepts specific to sociology.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
[SOCL3_U12] The graduate is ready to lifelong learning	Acquiring knowledge in the field of sociology of religion allows him to properly understand social activities and engages him in further activity in individual and social development.	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
[SOCL3_U13] The graduate is ready to cooperate effectively and assume various roles in a group	He is open to new ideas and ready to reformulate his position.	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written

Subject contents

The student encounters religions not only in theoretical but also practical terms. They have the opportunity to visit a place of worship, learn about its peculiarities, traditions and everyday functioning. This is a rare opportunity to travel from 1444 to 5784 in a week and consider which of the Greek Catholic or Polish Catholic denominations is closer to the Roman Catholic one. It is an opportunity to visit Protestant and Orthodox religions, talk to an imam and a rabbi. It is also an opportunity to meditate with Buddhists and think about the difference between religiosity and spirituality. This is a rare opportunity to discuss with Mormon missionaries and consider the difference between a church and a sect. Ultimately, it is about finding doctrinal and ritual differences in Protestant denominations and an attempt to verify the so-called New Age, neo-pagan and neo-Slavic cults in terms of their possible religious functions. These are also meetings with new movements that claim to be treated as religions (e.g. Pastafarians). of religion and other sciences of religion; religious or sociological discipline. Sociological definitions of religion. Tasks of the sociology of religion seen from a practical perspective.

Prerequisites and co-requisites

The basic knowledge about the world and the contemporary religions

Assessment methods and criteria

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

Recommended reading	Basic literature	Non-Roman Catholic churches and religious groups in Gdańsk, ed. W. Pałubicki, H. Cyrzan, Gdańsk, Koszalin 1998. M. Szulakiewicz (ed), Religions and religiosity in the modern world, Toruń 2011. P. Frankowski, Religious groups in Gdańsk in the conditions of contemporary globalization processes, Toruń 2005.
	Supplementary literature	E. Barker, New religious movements, Kraków 2002. K. Leszczyńska, Z. Pasek, New spirituality in monocultural and pluralistic societies, Kraków 2008. A. Wańka (ed.), Religions in the era of pluralism and dialogue, Szczecin 2004. J. Beckford, Social theory and religion, Kraków 2006.P. Morris, R. Inglehart, Sacred and profane. Religion and politics in the world, Kraków 2006.
	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, religion and secularization. Nature, meditation and yoga "worshipers" - new challenges of modern religions.	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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