University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Christianity in the Greek-Roman Times, PG_00135630						
Field of study	Studies in Classical Philology						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject	2026/2027			
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	2		Language of instruction	Polish			
Semester of study	3		ECTS credits	1.0			
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form	credit			
Conducting unit	Division of Classical Philology -> Institute of Classical and Slavonic Studies -> Faculty of Languages -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Agnieszka Witczak				
	Teachers		dr Agnieszka Witczak				
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	To introduce participants to the most important facts and figures in the history of ancient Christianity (1st - 5th century AD); to raise awareness of the complexity of the changing relations between the Church and the Gentile world over the centuries and of the importance of the role of Christianity in the history of Europe.						

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[FKL3_U05] He/she is able to justify their theses and argue using views found in the literature and their own observations.	Be able to characterise the sources of our knowledge of the origins of Christianity and describe the process of Christianisation of various areas of the ancient world and justify their claims.	[SU3] text preparation/written work
[FKL3_W07] He/she has advanced knowledge of Greco-Roman culture, Christian culture and their significance for European culture.	He can condemn the mutual influences of Christian and classical culture taking place in the first centuries of the Church's existence.	[SW3] text preparation/written work
[FKL3_W05] He/she has an advanced knowledge of ancient Greek and Roman history.	He knows events and figures in the history of the ancient Church and the mutual relations of Christians and pagans in various areas of life and the reasons for the hostility of the pagan world.	[SW2] presentation/project/paper/ report
[FKL3_K04] He/she participates in pro-social activities to popularise the cultural heritage of Greco-Roman antiquity.	Is aware of the importance of the cultural heritage of Christianity in Greco-Roman antiquity for the formation of European civilisation, participates in all kinds of events proposed by the ZFK aimed at popularising the Latin language and its presence in the history of the Church.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SK2] presentation/project/paper/ report

Subject contents

Lecture topics: the origins of Christianity, sources of knowledge of early Christianity. The great capitals of the Christian world in the early Church. The Church as heir to the achievements of the ancient world. Christians and the ancient school. The Roman state vis-à-vis Christians: the religious basis of imperial power. Persecution; the religious policy of Constantine the Great and his successors. Doctrinal controversies in the ancient church. Daily life of the early Christians.

Prerequisites and co-requisites

None.

Assessment methods and criteria

Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
multimedia presentation on issues identified by the trainer	80.0%	20.0%
written elaboration on the issues indicated by the trainer	51.0%	80.0%

Recommended reading

Basic literature	Augustine, Confessions, transl. Z. Kubiak, Warsaw 2007 [excerpts indicated by the Moderator].Eusebius of Caesarea, Ecclesiastical History. On the martyrs of Palestine, transl. A. Lisiecki, Poznań 1924 [excerpts indicated by the presenter].Ignatius of Antioch, Epistles, [in:] First Witnesses, transl. A. Świderkówna, opr. M. Starowieyski, Kraków 1988.Paulinus, Life of Ambrose, [in:] Ambrose of Milan, On the Faith, transl. J. Wojtczak, Warsaw 1970.
Supplementary literature	J. Fontaine, Christian Latin Literature. Rys historyczny, transl. J. Słomka, Tarnów 1997.D. Rops, The Church of the First Centuries, transl. K. Ostrowska, Warsaw 1997.M. Simon, Civilization of early Christianity I-IVth century, Warsaw 1979. A. Hamman, Daily life of the early Christians (95-197), transl. A. Guryn, Warsaw 1990.
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	
Work placement	Not applicable

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