

Subject card

Subject name and code	History of China, PG_00178221						
Field of study	Chinese Studies						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject		2025/2026		
Education level	Bachelor's studies		Subject group		Obligatory subject group 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 Bianca Sadowska				
	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	The aim of the course is to discuss the most important issues in the history of China in chronological order from ancient times to the present, and thematically, considering the main centers of power or significant political events. Additionally, the course aims to inspire students to further deepen their knowledge independently based on primary and supplementary literature, and to develop a critical perspective on historiography by presenting various perspectives on the discussed historical events.						
Learning outcomes	Course outcome		Subject outcome		Method of verification		
	[SINL3_W06] Knows and understands the fundamental conditions related to the history, literature, language, and socio-political realities of China, as well as their significance for China's current position in the world.		The student knows the stages of China's historical development and understands their impact on the country's current position in the world. The student is also able to analyze contemporary socio-political changes in China in the context of its historical evolution		[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW2] presentation/project/paper/report		
	[SINL3_U05] Is able to present various opinions and positions in both oral and written form, evaluate them, and engage in discussion.		The student is able to engage in substantive discussion about key historical events, including the most controversial ones, in the history of China, providing arguments for their own position and responding thoughtfully to the opinions of others.		[SU2] presentation/project/paper/report [SU4] test/exam - oral or written		
Subject contents	Prehistory and early cultures of China and the emergence of ancient civilization - Dynasties Xia, Shang, Zhou. Unification of China, rise and fall of the empire - Dynasties Qin and Han. Economic and social flourishing of Chinese civilization - Dynasties Sui and Tang. Modern period - Five Dynasties and Ten Kingdoms, Dynasties Song. Mongol rule in China - Dynasty Yuan. Restoration of Chinese rule and the empire's foreign contacts - Dynasty Ming. Emergence and fall of the Manchu empire - Dynasty Qing. Western influences in the 19th century - Opium Wars, Taiping and Boxer Rebellions. Republican Revolution, activities of President Sun Yat-sen - Republic of China. China at the crossroads, Japanese aggression and civil war - Nationalists and Communists. Communist Revolution, political, economic, and social challenges - People's Republic of China. Cultural Revolution and its consequences - Era of Mao Zedong. Policies of the "Reformers" - Era of Deng Xiaoping. Foreign and domestic policies of China at the end of the 20th century - Jiang Zemin. Rise of China's political and economic power in the 21st century - Hu Jintao and Xi Jinping.						

Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	final exam	51.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	a. used during classes (excerpts):- Rodziński Witold, Historia Chin, Wrocław 1992. Sławiński Roman, Historia Chin i Tajwanu, Warszawa 2002. Fairbank, John King, Historia Chin. Nowe spojrzenie, Warszawa 1996. .b. studied independently by the student: Morton W. Scott, Charlton M. Lewis, Chiny: historia i kultura, Kraków 2007. Gittings John, Historia współczesnych Chin: Od Mao do gospodarki rynkowej, Kraków 2010. Fitzgerald Charles Patrick. Chiny. Zarys historii kultury, Warszawa 1974.	
	Supplementary literature	Bayer Jerzy, Waldemar J. Dziak Historia polityczna Chin 1839-2014: konspekt analityczny, Warszawa 2016. Bayer Jerzy, Waldemar J. Dziak, Historia polityczna Chin 1839-2014: kronika najważniejszych wydarzeń, Warszawa 2015. Dziak J. Waldemar, Burdelski Marcei Burdelski, Chiny u progu XXI wieku, Toruń 1997. Buckley Ebrey Patricia, Historia Chin, Warszawa 2002.	
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed			
Work placement	Not applicable		

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