

Subject card

Subject name and code	Introduction to sinology, PG_00178271						
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 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	1		ECTS credits		3.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		exam		
Conducting unit							
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		mgr Paulina Andrzejczak				
	Teachers		mgr Paulina Andrzejczak				
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						
	Additional information: Class attendance is mandatory. Any unexcused absence exceeding 2 sessions (2 × 45 minutes) will result in failure to pass the course. An absence may only be excused with an official document, such as a medical certificate that includes a diagnostic code or an official letter from an institution. Other forms of justification will not be accepted.						
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	The aim of the course is to familiarize students with sinology as an academic discipline and with the fundamental issues related to the Chinese cultural sphere, including its language, geography, customs, civilizational achievements, as well as its political and geopolitical status.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[SINL3_U01] Is able to appropriately select sources, evaluate, critically analyze, and synthesize information in order to formulate and solve complex and uncommon problems related to issues concerning China and the Sinic cultural sphere.	Student is able to select and analyze basic source materials related to China, drawing their own conclusions based on the knowledge acquired during the course.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SU2] presentation/project/paper/report [SU3] text preparation/written work [SU4] test/exam - oral or written [SU5] implementation of a problem task [SU8] observation of student's independent or team work
	[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.	Student possesses knowledge of the key aspects of Chinese history, literature, language, and socio-political realities, and is able to explain how these factors influence China's contemporary role in the world.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SW2] presentation/project/paper/report [SW3] text preparation/written work [SW5] implementation of a problem task
	[SINL3_K01] Is ready to critically evaluate the knowledge acquired during Sinology studies and the content corresponding to that knowledge.	Student is able to critically reflect on the knowledge acquired during the course as well as on content related to Chinese civilization, recognizing their cultural and academic context.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SK2] presentation/project/paper/report [SK3] text preparation/written work [SK4] test/exam - oral or written [SK5] implementation of a problem task [SK8] observation of student's independent or team work
Subject contents	The course introduces key issues related to sinology as an academic discipline, discussing its origins, development both globally and in Poland, as well as the history of China's interactions with Europe, with particular emphasis on Polish-Chinese relations. It also covers topics related to the Chinese language, including its history, structure, and dialects. The geography of China is explored, its administrative divisions, major provinces, and their cultural significance along with basic information about Chinese society, ethnic composition, and social transformations. The course provides a foundation for further study of China, integrating linguistic, cultural, and historical knowledge within an academic framework.		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	exam	51.0%	70.0%
	presentation	51.0%	30.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	Book excerpts: Fenby, Jonathan. <i>70 Wonders of China</i> , Debit Publishing, Katowice 2007. Gacek, Łukasz. <i>Ecological Civilization and Energy Transformation in China</i> , FNCE, Poznań 2020. Granet, Marcel. <i>Chinese Civilization</i> , PIW, Warsaw 1973. Kunstler, Mieczysław Jerzy. <i>History of Chinese Culture</i> , PWN Scientific Publishing, Warsaw 2008. Kunstler, Mieczysław Jerzy. <i>Chinese Languages</i> , Academic Dialogue Publishing, Warsaw 2000. Lewis, Charlton M., Morton, W. Scott. <i>China: Its History and Culture</i> , Jagiellonian University Press, Kraków 2007. Pimpameau, Jacques. <i>China Culture and Traditions</i> , Academic Dialogue Publishing, Warsaw 2001. Strittmatter, Kai. <i>China 5.0: How Digital Dictatorship is Being Built</i> , W.A.B., Warsaw 2020. Wardęga, Joanna. <i>Contemporary Chinese Society: Consequences of Modernization Changes</i> , Adam Marszałek Publishing, Toruń 2015. Granet Marcel, <i>Cywilizacja chińska [Chinese civilization]</i> , Państwowy Instytut Wydawniczy, 2021. Chang Jung, Mao. <i>Nieznana historia [Mao. An unknown story]</i> , Wydawnictwo Znak, 2021. Bolesta Andrzej, <i>Chiny w okresie transformacji [China in transition]</i> , Wydawnictwo Akademickie Dialog, 2006. Hua Yu, <i>Chiny w dziesięciu słowach [China in ten words]</i> , Wydawnictwo Akademickie Dialog, 2013.	
	Supplementary literature	Materials selected by the lecturer: chapters from monographs, journal articles, audiovisual materials, internet sources.	
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Sinology as an academic discipline. History of contacts with China (from the perspective of Europe and Poland). Typology of the Chinese language. Geography of China. Administrative divisions of China. Chinese national identity. National and ethnic minorities in China. Chinese society (selected issues). Chinese politics (selected issues).
Work placement	Not applicable

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