

Subject card

Subject name and code	The Hebrew Bible. Prophecy: Nature, Literary Presentation and Content, PG_00179462						
Field of study	Religious Studies						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject		2025/2026		
Education level	Master'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	1		Language of instruction		Polish		
Semester of study	2		ECTS credits		3.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		credit		
Conducting unit							
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		prof. dr hab. Grzegorz Szamocki				
	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		45.0	77
Subject objectives	To acquaint students with the phenomenon of prophecy in Israel and its literary reflection in the Hebrew Bible.						
	To introduce students to the method of analysis and interpretation of prophetic texts.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[RELMU2_W05] Knows religious terminology in the chosen language of the religious tradition	Understands the specific meaning of important Hebrew terms and syntactic formulations in a given text.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[RELMU2_K05] Critically appraises his/her knowledge, personal and social competences; is able to independently and critically update his/her knowledge and skills, extended by an interdisciplinary dimension	He is aware of the limited scope of his knowledge and understands the need to develop his own competence. Demonstrates responsibility for the opinions expressed about the manifestations of religious life.	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[RELMU2_U04] Independently interprets religious texts, comments on and confronts data from different texts	Is able to explain the biblical text, taking into account observations and analyses of its intertextual relations - biblical and extra-biblical.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[RELMU2_U08] Has language skills within selected religious traditions	Recognizes the grammatical and syntactic forms of the biblical text and identifies the basic form of its content structure.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[RELMU2_W09] Has a thorough knowledge of the methods of interpreting a religious text	Analyses and interprets the biblical text according to the methodology of biblical exegesis, taking into account the synchronic and diachronic approach.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[RELMU2_W08] Has a broad knowledge and understanding of the specific subject matter and methodological characteristics of religious studies and its relationship to other sciences	The student explains the biblical texts, taking into account their specificity, which is expressed in their orientation towards bearing witness to the faith, teaching about it, strengthening it, and instructing in living in accordance with that faith.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[RELMU2_W01] Has an in-depth knowledge of the material and methodological specifics of the anthropology of religions; knows the historical development of religions; has an advanced knowledge and understanding of the interrelationships between religion and culture and society, which enables interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary work with specialists from other fields of science	The student explains biblical texts, taking into account their social and cultural role. Indicates the presence of phenomena and content in biblical texts that can be the subject of research in sciences from other fields.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written

Subject contents	General introduction to biblical prophecy		
	a) terminology b) division of prophets and prophetic books c) place of prophetic books in the structure of the Hebrew Bible and in the christian canon of the Old Testament Elements of biblical prophecy Extra-biblical prophecy (Mari, Ebla) Prophetic books a) genesis of the books b) literary types Exegesis of selected texts Isa 6 Isa 11:1-9 Isa 58:1-12 Am 8:1-8 Jer 20:7-18 Ezek 22:1-16 Joel 3:1-5		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	Final colloquium	51.0%	90.0%
	Class attendance	80.0%	10.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	Blenkinsopp, J., <i>A History of Prophecy in Israel</i>, Luisville, KY 1996. Cook, S.L., <i>The prophets : introducing Israels prophetic writings</i>, Minneapolis, MN 2022. Sweeney, M.A., <i>The prophetic literature</i>, Nashville, TN 2005.	
	Supplementary literature	Grogan, G.W., <i>Isaiah</i>, w: <i>The Expositors Bible Commentary: Proverbs Isaiah</i>, t. 6, red. T. Longman III D.E. Garland, Grand Rapids, Michigan 2008, 433-863. Sweeney, M.A., <i>Reading Prophetic Books : Form, Intertextuality, and Reception in Prophetic and Post-Biblical Literature</i>, Tübingen 2014. Szamocki, G., <i>Holy Seed in Isaiah 6:13: Echo of an Exclusive Concept of Israels Identity</i>, <i>Verbum Vitae</i> 40/4 (2022), 10551074. Watts, J.D.W., <i>Isaiah 1-33. Revised Edition</i> (Word Biblical Commentary; 24), Grand Rapids, Michigan 2005.	
	eResources addresses		

Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Explanation of the word prophet: Hebrew and Greek terminology Elements of biblical prophetism: vocation and ways of communicating with God The life and activity of the prophet Isaiah: personal data and stages of prophetic activity Interpretation of Isa 6 Interpretation of Joel 3:1-5
Work placement	Not applicable

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