University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Religious Tourism, PG_00183788		
Field of study	Sightseeing and Historical Tourism		
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026	Academic year of realisation of subject	2026/2027
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	1	ECTS credits	2.0
Learning profile	academic	Assessment form	credit
Conducting unit			
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor	prof. dr hab. Grzegorz Szamocki	
	Teachers	prof. dr hab. Grzegorz Szamocki	

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	To acquaint the student with the essence of religious tourism and the history and reality of the places that are its destinations.

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[KiTHL3_W03] Knows and understands selected issues from the achievements of historiography at an advanced level and is aware of the coexistence of different points of view in historical sciences resulting from different theoretical attitudes, national traditions and cultural conditions	The student has knowledge of the historical development of religious tourism and understands different interpretations of pilgrimage and its significance across various religious and cultural traditions	[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
[KiTHL3_U09] Can take part in debate; formulates theses and argues using the views of various authors of historical works in the field of professional literature known to him	Has knowledge of the phenomenon of religious tourism based on lectures and literature learned.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
[KiTHL3_K04] It is ready to recognize and respect different points of view determined by different national and cultural backgrounds; showing understanding for the world of values and attitudes of people in different periods and historical contexts	Knows about different religions and religious practices related to making trips for religious motives. Recognizes the values inherent in different religions and can classify and evaluate them.	[SK8] observation of student's independent or team work
[KiTHL3_W01] Has an advanced knowledge and understanding of selected issues of world history in chronological and thematic terms, as well as the comparative history of Europe, recognizing its place and significance in the history of the world	He is able to place the origins and specific practices of religious tyristics in the correct temporal and cultural space.	[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
[KiTHL3_K01] Critically evaluates the knowledge possessed, demonstrates readiness to constantly expand it and seek expert opinions in the event of difficulties with solving the problem on their own	He is aware of the wide range of religious tourism issues and the need to continuously deepen and update them.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion

Subject contents

History and spatial distribution of major religions

Religious tourism terminological problems

Pilgrimage and religious tourism in major religions:

- in Judaism

- in Christianity

- in Islam

- in Buddhism

- in Hinduism

Religious tourism in Poland

Prerequisites and co-requisites

Assessment methods and criteria

Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
Final written test	51.0%	75.0%
Attendance at classes	75.0%	25.0%

<table>
<tr><td rowspan="3">Recommended reading</td><td>Basic literature</td><td>Choe, J., „Religious Tourism”, Tourism Geographies 27/3-4 (2025), 830–839.

Huan, T.-C. - Fotiadis, A.K. - Stylos, N. (red.), Religious Tourism: An Essential Reader, Abingdon: Routledge, 2026.

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Huan, T.-C. - Fotiadis, A.K. - Stylos, N. (red.), Religious Tourism: Industry Dynamics, Emerging Trends and Contemporary Issues, Abingdon: Routledge, 2026.

Valeri, M. (red.), Contemporary Religious Tourism: Multidisciplinary Insights, Environmental Engagement, and Community Impact, Cham: Springer, 2025.

Prem Jagyasi, A Complete Guide to Religious Tourism: History, Essential Components, Best Practices, Planning, Destinations and More (https://drprem.com/travel/guide-to-history-of-religious-tourism-its-essential-components-why-it-matters-and-best-practices/)</td></tr>
<tr><td>Supplementary literature</td><td>Griffin, K. - Raj, R., The Importance of Religious Tourism and Pilgrimage: reflecting on definitions, motives and data on definitions, motives and data, International Journal of Religious Tourism and Pilgrimage 5/3 (2018), I-IX.

Katić, M. - Eade, J. (red.), Approaching Pilgrimage: Methodological Issues Involved in Researching Routes, Sites, and Practices, Abingdon: Routledge, 2025

Liutikas, D. (red.), Creating the Sacred Landscape: Pilgrimages and Ritual Practices, Cham: Springer, 2025.</td></tr>
<tr><td>eResources addresses</td><td>Basic
https://doi.org/10.1080/14616688.2024.2423168 - Text: J. Choe, „Religious Tourism”
http://turystykakulturowa.org/ojs/index.php/tk/article/view/1226 - Text: P. Plichta, Turystyka religijna - wprowadzenie, Turystyka Kulturowa 117/6 (2020), 192-220.
Supplementary
https://doi.org/10.18778/0867-5856.18.1.04 - Text: A. Jackowski, - I. Sołjan, „Major Research Issues in Religiosus Tourism", Turyzm 18/1 (2008), 39–50.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed</td><td colspan="2">Basic features of religious truristics.

Pilgrimage sites in the Holy Land

The essential ritual elements of the Muslim hajj pilgrimage

The most important destinations of Buddhist pilgrimages

What is the "pilgrimage of the dead" in Hinduism</td></tr>
<tr><td>Work placement</td><td colspan="2">Not applicable</td></tr>
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