University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Religious denominations in Eastern Pomerania in the modern period, PG_00183892		
Field of study	Religious Studies		
Date of commencement of studies	October 2024	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	2	Language of instruction	Polish Polish
Semester of study	3	ECTS credits	3.0
Learning profile	academic	Assessment form	credit
Conducting unit			
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor	dr hab. Sławomir Kościelak	
	Teachers	dr hab. Sławomir Kościelak	

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	0.0	45.0	75

Subject objectives

To familiarize students with the specific nature of religious relations in the denominationally mixed (as a result of the Reformation and Counter-Reformation) area of broadly defined Eastern Pomerania (also known as Gdańsk Pomerania/Royal Prussia). Religious conflicts, cooperation, interfaith alliances, compromises. Areas with Protestant/Catholic dominance; smaller, radical Protestant groups, religious exile, and the problem of the Jewish diaspora. A chronological framework for modernity, understood in this way, covers the period from the early 16th century to the 19th century (especially the pre-industrial era).

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[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	Has knowledge of the specific subject matter and methodological aspects of the anthropology of religion, using the example of Eastern Pomerania, knows the historical development of religion in the modern era, and understands the relationships between religion, culture and society to a degree that allows for interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary work with other specialists from other fields of science.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[RELMU2_K04] Actively participates in activities to preserve and update cultural heritage; establishes contacts with cultural institutions; is able to communicate in a competent and cultured manner; is able to use acquired knowledge while observing ethical principles	Actively tries to participate in preserving cultural heritage and its updating in Eastern Pomerania, for this purpose is able to establish lasting and competent contacts with cultural institutions, and uses the acquired knowledge to observe ethical principles	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
[RELMU2_U06] Detects the complex interrelationships between the formation of religious ideas and social, political and cultural processes and identifies the relationships between these interrelationships	Using the example of the mixed religious area of Eastern Pomerania, the student becomes familiar with the relationships between the formation of religious ideas and social, political and cultural processes and is able to define them appropriately	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
[RELMU2_W10] Knows and understands the religious foundations of culture and knows and understands the role that religions and religious ideas play in the emergence of cultural works and institutions	After familiarizing himself with the cultural heritage of Eastern Pomerania in the field of religion, he knows and understands the importance of the role that religions and religious ideas play in the creation of cultural works and institutions	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[RELMU2_W03] Has structured detailed knowledge in selected areas of cultural knowledge; has in-depth knowledge of selected religious traditions and collective forms of religious life and spirituality	Has knowledge of religious traditions and collective forms of religious life and spirituality in Eastern Pomerania in the modern period	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written

Subject contents

The Reformation in Eastern Pomerania in the 16th Century
The Second, Calvinist Reformation in Selected Centers of Eastern Pomerania at the Turn of the 16th and 17th Centuries
The Counter-Reformation and Reform of the Catholic Church in the 16th and 18th Centuries
Radical Protestant Denominations in Eastern Pomerania in the 16th and 18th Centuries: Mennonites, Quakers, Arians, and Others
The Jewish Diaspora in Royal Prussia
Religiosity, Religious Coexistence, and Denominational Conflicts
Changes in Religiosity and Denominational Relations at the Turn of the 18th and 19th Centuries
Religions and Denominational Associations in Eastern Pomerania in the 19th Century

Prerequisites and co-requisites

no requirements

Assessment methods and criteria

Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	51.0%	40.0%
	51.0%	60.0%

Recommended reading	Basic literature	S. Kościelak, "The Religious History of Royal Prussia in the 16th–18th Centuries," in Royal Prussia: Society, Culture, Economy, Sketches from History, edited by Edmund Kizik, Gdańsk 2012, pp. 204–263 S. Kościelak, "Signs of Secularization and Religiousness in Gdańsk at the Turn of the 18th and 19th Centuries in the Light of Memoirs and Press Accounts," "Studia Historica Gedanensia," vol. VII, 2016, pp. 75–103 E. Kizik, S. Kościelak, "De Statu Ecclesiae Evangelicae: The Reformation and Protestantism in Gdańsk from the 16th to the Early 19th Century," (co-authored with Edmund Kizik), Gdańsk 2025 E. Kizik, Mennonites in Gdańsk, Elbląg and Żuławy Wiślane in the second half of the 17th and 18th centuries. A study of the history of a small religious community, Gdańsk 1994 E. Kizik, Jews in Gdańsk and its suburbs until 1793 [in:] Around the Great Synagogue. Sketches from the history of the Jews of Gdańsk, ed. E. Barylewska-Szymańska, Gdańsk 2019, pp. 56-78
	Supplementary literature	M. Wajsblum, Quakers and Poland, 1661-1919, "The Polish Review," 11, 1966, 2, pp. 11-22. J. Tazbir, Antitrinitarianism in Gdańsk and its Surroundings, "Renaissance and Reformation in Poland," 21, 1976, pp. 57-82. S. Salmonowicz, "The Religious Life of Toruń Lutherans in the 17th and 18th Centuries," "Renaissance and Reformation in Poland," 34, 1989, pp. 115-130 M. Pawlak, "The Reformation and Counter-Reformation in Elbląg in the 16th and 18th Centuries," Bydgoszcz 1994 E. Piszcz, "Colloquium Charitativum A.D. 1645. Origins and Course," Toruń 1995 K. Cieślak, Between Rome, Wittenberg, and Geneva. The Art of Gdańsk as a City Divided by Religion, Wrocław 2000. E. Paprocka, Tolerated, Disliked. Catholics in Elbląg in the Second Half of the 17th and 18th Centuries, Elbląg 2009 S. Kościelak, Catholics in Protestant Gdańsk from the Second Half of the 16th Century to the End of the 18th Century, Gdańsk 2012. S. Kościelak, Gdańsk in the 16th and 18th Centuries – a Safe Haven for Religious Refugees? From the history of interfaith coexistence in the modern era, "Studia Historica Gedanensia", vol. V. 2014, pp. 196-215
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	The Beginnings of the Reformation in Gdańsk Against the Background of Similar Events in Royal Prussia The First Lutheran Reformation in Gdańsk and Other Selected Centers of Royal Prussia Lutheranism in the Cities of Royal Prussia as Exemplified by Gdańsk Catholics and Calvinists in a Lutheran City as Exemplified by Gdańsk Protestant Radicals in the Cities of Eastern Pomerania as Exemplified by Gdańsk and its Surrounding Areas Religious Changes and Secularization in Eastern Pomerania at the Turn of the 18th and 19th Centuries Religions and Religious Associations in Gdańsk in the 19th Century Prześlij opinię	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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