

Subject card

Subject name and code	Ancient philosophy, PG_00131038						
Field of study	Studies in Classical Philology						
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	2		ECTS credits		2.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		credit		
Conducting unit	Division of Classical Philology -> Institute of Classical and Slavonic Studies -> Faculty of Languages -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr hab. Tatiana Krynicka				
	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 familiarise students with the history of philosophical thought from the Socratics to Boethius in diachronic terms, taking into account not only the doxographic approach to the ancient philosophical heritage, but above all the place and role of philosophers in the society of the time; the second aim is to engage students in a discussion of the problems discussed, thus enabling them to understand the enduring relevance of the issues raised by ancient thinkers.						
Learning outcomes	Course outcome		Subject outcome		Method of verification		
	[FKL3_K04] He/she participates in pro-social activities to popularise the cultural heritage of Greco-Roman antiquity.		Participates in ZFK-inspired activities to promote Greco-Roman culture (Open Days, Birth of Rome Day, etc.).		[SK4] test/exam - oral or written		
	[FKL3_W08] He/she has advanced knowledge of the problems and directions of ancient philosophy.		He is familiar with the achievements of the philosophical schools contained in Greek and Roman literature, their representatives and views; analyses the philosophical texts and views he is familiar with; recognises the presence of ancient philosophical thought in later centuries, from the Middle Ages to modern times.		[SW4] test/exam - oral or written		
	[FKL3_U03] He/she is able to use concepts specific to literary studies, cultural and religious sciences, philosophy, art sciences, history and linguistics to an advanced degree and apply an appropriate research method.		Has advanced knowledge of the theories and methodology of literary studies and philosophy, with advanced knowledge and understanding of philosophical terminology.		[SU4] test/exam - oral or written		

Subject contents	Socratics [Cynics; Cyrenaics; Megareans]; Plato and the significance of his thought; Aristotle, or ennoblement ; philosophical schools; the primacy of ethical issues; the question of the involution of philosophical thought; the Platonic academy (so-called. first, second [Arkesilaos] and third [Carneades]), Neoplatonism; Aristotelian school [Peripat]; Greco-Roman Stoicism from Zeno to Marcus Aurelius; sceptics and eclectics; Christian philosophy: from apologia through polemics to the concept of philosophia ancilla theologiae; nature of sources.		
Prerequisites and co-requisites	Credit for the subject: Ancient Philosophy in the winter semester (semester 1).		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	oral or written colloquium	51.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	Each time the instructor specifies the choice of literature.Aristotle, Metaphysics, Nicomachean Ethics, Politics, Rhetoric, Poetics.Plato, Protagoras; Gorgias, Sophist, Apologia, Epistle 7, Phaedrus, The State, books VII and IX.Lucretius, On the Nature of All Things, books 1-5.Sextus the Empiricist, Against the Mathematicians, 7, 210-216 (Against the Logicians).Cicero, Paradoxes of the Stoics, Tusculan Discourses, book I. 3, 18.Seneca, On the shortness of life; On providence.Arrian, Handbook of Epictetus; Epictetus' diatribes, book I.Marcus Aurelius, Meditations.M. Michalski, Anthology of patristic literature.Minucius Felix, Octavius.Augustine, On the State of God, book I.Boethius, On the consolation which philosophy gives.	
	Supplementary literature	P. Hadot: What is ancient philosophy?, Warsaw 2000.G. Reale, History of ancient philosophy. vol. II-V, Lublin 1994-2002.A. Krokiewicz, Greek scepticism, Warsaw 1987.W. Jaeger, Paideia, Warsaw 2001, pp. 375-420.F. W. Walbank: The Hellenistic World, Warsaw 2003.	
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed			
Work placement	Not applicable		

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