

Subject card

Subject name and code	The same and yet different. Scandinavian depiction of the Western Slavs in the Middle Ages , PG_00209698						
Field of study	Spanish and Portuguese Studies						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2024		Academic year of realisation of subject				
Education level	Bachelor's studies		Subject group		Obligatory subject group in the field of study Optional subject group		
Mode of study	full-time studies		Mode of delivery		e-learning		
Year of study	3		Language of instruction		English english		
Semester of study	5		ECTS credits		2.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		credit		
Conducting unit							
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		prof. dr hab. Jakub Morawiec				
	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: 30.0						
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		20.0	50
Subject objectives	The aim of the course is to familiarize students with texts written in medieval Scandinavia, written in both Latin and Old Norse, which contain information about the Slavs of the Middle Ages and their lands. During the classes, the dual image of the Slavs, which emerges from Scandinavian texts, will be analyzed. One, a positive one, focuses on their favor towards the future King of Norway, Olaf Tryggvason. The second, negative, portrays them as hardened pagans and enemies of Christians in Scandinavia. Eliminating the threats they pose has become an important task for Christian rulers in the North. The analysis of the source texts will be supported by the presentation of a broad historical and cultural context, which will explain their origin and specificity.						
Learning outcomes	Course outcome		Subject outcome		Method of verification		
			The student understands the specificity of intercultural relations in the Middle Ages. He has knowledge of the history of the Baltic zone in the Middle Ages.		[SK4] test/exam - oral or written		

Subject contents	The classes will cover the following issues: - history of the Baltic zone in the 10th-12th centuries - political relations on the Saxon-Elbe borderland in the 10th-12th centuries - contacts of the Piasts with Scandinavia in the 10th-12th centuries - the image of the Slavs in Old Scandinavian literature - the importance of courtly culture and crusading ideology		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	written test	51.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	Heimskringla Snorriego Sturlusona, wstęp, tomy I-III, red. Anna Waśko, Jakub Morawiec, Kraków: Księgarnia Akademicka, 2019 Oddr Snorrason, Saga o Olafie Tryggvasonie, red. Anna Waśko, Kraków: Księgarnia Akademicka, 2016 Knytlinga saga. Saga o potomkach Knuta. Red. i tłum. J. Morawiec, G. Bartusik, R. Gogosz. Katowice: Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Śląskiego, 2025 Saga o Jomswikingach. Red. i tłum. J. Morawiec, M. Rey-Radlińska. Katowice: Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Śląskiego, 2025 Poland, Pomerania and Their Neighbours' Shaping of Medieval European Civilisation (10th-12th Centuries), S. Rosik (ed.), Wrocław, Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Wrocławskiego 2021 J. Morawiec, <i>Illvirkjar ok óskirðir. Eiríksdrápa Markúsa Skeggjasona jako przykład wykorzystania motywu Słowianina-poganina w średniowiecznej literaturze skandynawskiej</i> , Studia Maritima t. 31 2018	
	Supplementary literature	Banaszkiewicz J., <i>Zabić Boga! Saxo Gramatyk o niszczeniu przez Duńczyków w 1168 roku rugijskich świątyń Arkony i Gardźca. Povest' vremennych let i historia zagłady Peruna za panowania Włodzimierza Wielkiego</i> , [w:] <i>Dawne elity. Słowo i gest</i> , J. Axer, J. Olko (red.), Warszawa 2005. Duczko W., <i>Obecność skandynawska na Pomorzu i słowiańska w Skandynawii we wczesnym średniowieczu</i> , [w:] <i>Salsa Cholbergiensis. Kołobrzeg w średniowieczu</i> , L. Leciejewicz, M. Rębkowski (red.), Kołobrzeg 2000. Koczy L., <i>Polska i Skandynawia za pierwszych Piastów</i> , Poznań 1934.	
	eResources addresses		
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	- the influence of crusade ideology on the image of the Slavs in the Scandinavian sagas - the importance of the Slavs in the cult of St. Olaf - the history of the conquest of the Elbe by the Danes and Saxons		
Work placement	Not applicable		

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