University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	History of Japan, PG_00143318						
Field of study	Japanese Studies						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2027		Academic year of realisation of subject	2027/2028			
Education level	Bachelor's studies		Subject group	Obligatory subject group in the field of study 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	exam			
Conducting unit	Division of East Asian Culture and Languages -> Institute of Russian and Eastern Studies -> Faculty of Languages -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Jacek Splisgart				
	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		43.0	75
Subject objectives	The purpose of the course is to introduce students to selected topics in Japanese history from pre-historic times to the events of the late 1940s and early 1950s.						

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[JAPL3_K01] Is aware of the limitations of their own knowledge and skills, critically evaluates them, understands the need for lifelong learning, and seeks expert advice when facing difficulties in solving a problem independently.	Creatively develops his own knowledge of Japan's past, with particular emphasis on the context of the country's contacts with other civilizations.	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
[JAPL3_U11] Can effectively plan work on assigned tasks and work in a multilingual and intercultural team, including identifying and analyzing barriers to intercultural communication.	Can select and apply methods for working with historical sources to analyze events, processes, and phenomena in Japanese history.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
[JAPL3_U12] Can independently plan and carry out their own learning process.	Can independently plan and effectively carry out their own learning process in the field of Japanese history.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
[JAPL3_W10] Understands the interdisciplinary connections between linguistics, cultural and religious studies, and other disciplines within Japanese studies.	Has knowledge of Japanese culture and society.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[JAPL3_W06] Is familiar with the fundamental historical, social, and cultural processes shaping the contemporary situation in East Asia.	Is familiar with the most important events in Japanese history in the context of the country, the region, and the world.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written

Subject contents

The topics of the lectures oscillate around the following issues: Mythical origins of Japan - from myth to history; Prehistory - from the cultures of the first hunters to the early ceramic forms (Jomon period); Yayoi period and the emergence of Yao society; Contacts with the continent - the first half of the first millennium AD. ; Japan of the aristocratic period; The era of the pa-nation of the samurai; The period of civil war and the unification of Japan; The golden ages of Japanese culture (the Edo period); Japan at the dawn of modernity - the Meiji period; Between the wars - Japan of the 20-year interwar period; World War II in the Pacific; Japan's recent history.

Prerequisites and co-requisites

Assessment methods and criteria

Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
Written, test-based exam	51.0%	100.0%

Recommended reading

Basic literature	Frederic L., 1971 Zycie codzienne w Japonii w epoce samurajow, Warszawa Frederic L., 1988 Zycie codzienne w Japonii u progu nowoczesnosci, Warszawa Hal J.W., 1979 Japonia, Warszawa Kubiak Ho-Chi B. (red.), 2006 Japonia okresu Meiji. Od tradycji do nowoczesnosci, Warszawa Pałasz- Rutkowska E. Starecka K., 2004 Japonia, Warszawa Totman C. 2009 Historia Japonii, Krakow Tubielewicz J. 1984 Historia Japonii, Warszawa
Supplementary literature	Andressen Curtis, 2004 Krotka historia Japonii. Od samurajow do Sony, Warszawa Tubielewicz Jolanta, 1996 Wielkie odkrycia i zagadki japonskiej archeologii, Warszawa
eResources addresses	

Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Przodkowie współczesnych Japończyków. Kontakty z kontynentem: Chinami i Koreą. Okres arystokratyczny. Okres samurajski. Kontakty z Europą oraz USA.
Work placement	Not applicable

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