

SUBJECT CARD

1. Basic information

Subject	Cultures and Civilizations in the Modern World
Faculty	Faculty of Law
Field of studies	International Relations
Specialization	international business
PRK level	6 PRK
Education level	first-cycle studies
Form of studies	full-time studies
Group of activities	—
Number of ECTS points	3
Type of subject	obligatory
Total number of hours	20 h
Didactic cycle	2024/2025 winter
Academic semester	1
Academic year	1
Education profile	general academic
Year of implementation	2024/2025
Language of instruction	English
Teacher(s)	prof. dr hab. Jerzy Zdanowski

Semester, number of ECTS points, type of subject, number of hours

Semester	Lecture
1	20 godz. 3 ECTS

2. General objectives

C1	This course is a general survey of world cultures and civilizations to provide students in international relations with a broader historical background. This course covers much material from the earliest times and the birth of civilization. The class thesis says that modern society has inherited some of its components from the civilizations that passed away. This fact has determined the integrity of world culture. This course presents different civilizations and culturally globally interconnected systems in the period between the Neolithic Revolution and the 21st century, exploring essential features of European society. The class refers to different themes that help better understand how various historical forces, such as cultural, social, and political, shaped the trajectories of civilizational developments. The phenomenon of cultural diffusion will be highlighted in this course.
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3. Introductory requirements

General knowledge of the history of civilizations. Good knowledge of English

4. Learning outcomes

W1	Knowledge: Students will gain knowledge of the history of civilizations and an understanding of the culturalist approach to the history of mankind. In the time of globalization, this knowledge obtains practical meaning as it helps to avoid misunderstandings and conflicts caused by cultural and civilizational differences between people.
U1	Skills: Students will become familiarized with the fundamental theories of anthropology and the features of world civilizations from a historical perspective. Therefore, they will be able to discuss the main issues of the culturalist approach to the historical process.
K1	Social competence: Graduates of this course will be prepared to express and defend their opinions on differentiation and cultural cooperation within the framework of a united Europe. They will be ready to work in multicultural teams and be aware of cultural and civilizational differences between people.

5. Course program

Lecture (20 h)

Code	Detailed description of the topic blocks (semester: 1)
Wyk1	Civilization and culture - basic concepts and terminology. The Neolithic Revolution as a turning point in human being history. 2 hours
Wyk2	Sumerian civilization as the earliest civilization in the Mediterranean world. Main features of the ancient Egyptian civilization, 2 h
Wyk3	India's civilization and its contribution to world history. Components of the Chinese culture.
Wyk4	The civilization of Ancient Greece. Features of the Ancient Roman culture (what we own to ancient Greeks and Romans?). 4 h
Wyk5	The civilization of Islam and its interactions with Europe. 2 h
Wyk6	Christian European civilization and its components were inherited from earlier civilizations. 4 h
Wyk7	Modern Western civilization and its interactions with non-European cultures. Clash and/or cooperation between societies in the time of globalization.

6. Didactic methods

Lecture	
M17	Multimedia presentation
M20	Lecture

7. Student workload

Number of hours under supervision	Student workload
Lecture	20 h
Including e-learning:	0 h

Student's own work	
	55 h

Total workload	
Total number of hours for the course	75 h
Total number of ECTS points	3 ECTS

8. Conditions for course completion

Course completion criteria

Passing the mid-term test during the semester and the final written test with a minimum of 51% of points.

Lectures (Final exam / Final pass)	
Grade 5:	Minimum of 91% of points on the final test.
Grade 4,5:	Minimum of 81% of points on the final test.
Grade 4:	Minimum of 71% of points on the final test.
Grade 3,5:	Minimum of 61% of points on the final test.
Grade 3:	Minimum of 51% of points on the final test.

9. Literature

Basic literature

1. P.J Adler, R.L. Powels — World Civilizations, Wardsworth, 2017, Cengage Learning [parts], available in the University Library and pdf.

Supplementary literature

1. Don Blattner — World Civilizations and Cultures, Quincy, Ili., 2012, Mark Twain Media [parts] available in pdf

11. Information about academic teachers

The person responsible for the card

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Teacher(s) conducting the subject

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