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Forests - Human Cultural Heritage

Educational subject description sheet

Basic information

Field of study Course Offer for exchange students - second cycle studies, including uniform master studies (MA programmes)		Didactic cycle 2024/25	
Speciality -		Subject code PWMPWM2S_D.B100000.06333.24	
Organizational unit Course Offer for exchange students		Lecture languages english	
Study level second cycle studies, including uniform master studies (MA programmes)		Mandatory Elective subjects	
Study form full-time studies		Block Basic subjects	
Education profile General academic		Disciplines	
Coordinator	Katarzyna Marciszewska		
Teacher	Katarzyna Marciszewska, Hubert Lachowicz		
Period Winter semester	Examination Pass with grade	Number of ECTS points 3	
	Activities and hours Lecture: 10 Laboratory exercises: 10 Field exercises: 10		

Goals

Code	Goal
C1	to convey the knowledge about forests as the material basis of European culture and a source of inspiration in culture and art with special emphasis on Poland
C2	to familiarize with various ways of defining the forest and the basic concepts and definitions of civilization, culture and art; relations between these concepts and their development.
C3	to raise awareness of the significant and diverse cultural impact of forests in various historical periods and regions around the world

Subject's learning outcomes

Code	Outcomes in terms of	Effects	Examination methods
Knowledge - Student knows and understands:			
W1	what is the culture-creating role of forests and how it manifests itself.		Essay
Skills - Student can:			
U1	communicate orally or in writing the issue of the forests as a cultural heritage, using the works of other authors and respecting copyright.		Presentation, Assessment of speeches during classes
Social competences - Student is ready to:			
K1	to disseminate knowledge about the cultural role of forests		Presentation, Assessment of speeches during classes

Study content

No.	Course content	Subject's learning outcomes	Activities
1.	introductory explanation of the genesis and purpose of the subject; basic concepts and definitions of civilization, culture, and art; definitions of the forest; natural roots of European culture; examples of historical messages about the natural conditions of Poland and cultural phenomena rooted in the forest environment	W1	Lecture
2.	tree symbolism in various cultures from prehistoric times to modern times; trees and forest from linguistic perspective; art master pieces inspired by trees and forests. Contemporary and historical forest-related professions as a source of cultural phenomena e.g. hunting and dialect, hunting customs and signals.	U1, K1	Laboratory exercises, Field exercises

Course advanced

Activities	Methods of conducting classes
Lecture	Conversation lecture

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Laboratory exercises	Discussion, Presentation
Field exercises	Case study, Discussion

Activities	Examination method	Percentage
Lecture	Essay	50%
Laboratory exercises	Assessment of speeches during classes	25%
Field exercises	Presentation	25%

Activities	Credit conditions
Lecture	presence, activity during classes, positive assessment of the essay.
Laboratory exercises	presence, activity during classes and positive assessment of the presentation.
Field exercises	presence, activity during classes and positive assessment of the presentation.

Literature

Obligatory

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4. Zohar A. 2012. Flora of the Bible: A New Investigation Aimed at Identifying All of the Plants of the Bible in Light of Jewish Sources and Scientific Research, Jerusalem.
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Calculation of ECTS points

Activity form	Activity hours*
Lecture	10
Laboratory exercises	10
Field exercises	10
Preparation of a multimedia presentation	20
Self-study on the content covered in class	20
Preparation of a paper	20
Student workload	Hours 90
Number of ECTS points	ECTS 3

* hour means 45 minutes