

Subject card

Subject name and code	Social policy and social insurance law system - auditorium classes, PG_00135810						
Field of study	Polityka społeczna i system ubezpieczeń społecznych - ćwiczenia						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject		2025/2026		
Education level	Master'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	Faculty of Law and Administration -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Marek Benio				
	Teachers		mgr Krzysztof Jokiel				
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	0.0	15.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15
	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	15		0.0		35.0	50
Subject objectives	The aim of the course "Social Policy and Social Insurance System" is to introduce students to the fundamental concepts of social policy and the functioning of social security systems in different countries, with a particular focus on Poland. Students will gain knowledge about the instruments and mechanisms of social policy, the principles of the social insurance system, and its role in providing social protection. The course also aims to develop students' ability to analyze and evaluate the solutions used in social policy and their impact on different social groups.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[ADMINMU2_KO02] The student has an advanced awareness of the necessity to take actions (including organizational ones) that will protect the public interest, social interest, and legitimate individual interests.	The student is able to cooperate in analysing and assessing social policy solutions while respecting ethical principles, equal treatment, and social solidarity.	[SK1] wypowiedź ustna/rozmowa/ dyskusja [SK6] demonstracja umiejętności praktycznych
	[ADMINMU2_UW01] Using his own knowledge and sources of information, the student is able to analyze and resolve complex problems, as well as interpret legal, social, and political phenomena within the scope of administration and administrative activities.	The student can independently search for and use relevant sources of knowledge – including legal acts, court rulings, and expert opinions – to solve practical problems related to social policy or social security.	[SU3] opracowanie tekstowe/ praca pisemna
	[ADMINMU2_UO05] The student is able to professionally plan and organize work, and is prepared to actively participate in teams involved in the implementation of administrative activities, including leading such teams.	The student is able to analyse specific cases in the field of social insurance, including the interpretation of legal provisions and case law concerning benefits, insurance obligations, and social protection.	[SU1] wypowiedź ustna/rozmowa/ dyskusja [SU6] demonstracja umiejętności praktycznych
	[ADMINMU2_UW02] The student is able to prepare an independent, in-depth written report and oral presentation on issues related to administration and administrative activities, including formulating his own theses, as well as collecting and analyzing materials necessary for preparing typical documents and acts related to administrative activities.	The student is able to independently prepare an in-depth written paper or oral presentation on selected issues related to social policy or the social security system, formulating their own theses and conclusions. The student can collect and analyse source materials – including legal acts, statistical data, and case law – necessary for drafting documents related to administrative activity in this field.	[SU3] opracowanie tekstowe/ praca pisemna
	[ADMINMU2_WG02] At an advanced level, the student identifies and understands the legal and administrative conditions of various forms of social and economic life, including the rights and obligations of individuals towards other individuals and state authorities.	The student knows and understands the fundamental concepts, principles, and theories of social policy, including its objectives, instruments, and the institutions responsible for implementing social protection measures. The student knows the structure, functions, and legal foundations of the Polish social security system and can identify its links with other forms of social protection and labour market policies.	[SW1] wypowiedź ustna/rozmowa/ dyskusja [SW5] realizacja zadania problemowego
Subject contents	Objectives and functions of social policy in a democratic state analysis of key concepts, instruments, and models of social policy; the role of public administration. Institutions implementing social policy in Poland ministries, local government, ZUS, KRUS, PFRON, labour offices competences and relations. Sources of law in social policy and social security constitutional and statutory foundations of social protection; the role of Constitutional Tribunal and Supreme Court case law. Types and structure of the Polish social security system pension, disability, sickness, accident, and health insurance; comparison with the social assistance system. Insurance obligations and categories of insured persons case analysis: employment contract, civil-law contracts, self-employment, overlapping insurance titles. Social insurance benefits conditions for entitlement, benefit calculation, and administrative procedures; analysis of ZUS decisions. Labour market policy and instruments for combating unemployment activation measures, unemployment benefits, and the role of public employment services. Family policy and family benefits family allowances, child-raising benefits, and payments from the alimony fund. Social assistance as part of the social protection system eligibility criteria, forms of support, procedures, and local government responsibilities. Reforms and contemporary challenges of social protection systems population ageing, migration, digitalisation of services, and international comparisons.		
Prerequisites and co-requisites	no preliminary conditions		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	Active in class work	50.0%	50.0%
	Preparatory work for project or presentation	50.0%	50.0%

Recommended reading	Basic literature	1. Julian Auleytner, Social Policy in Poland and the World (2nd edition), WSP TWP Warsaw 2012. 2. Gertruda Uścińska, Social Insurance Law: Principles, Financing, Organization with Online Tests, C.H. Beck, Warsaw 2022.
	Supplementary literature	1. G. Esping-Andersen, Social Foundations of Postindustrial Economies, Oxford University Press, 1999.
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	• What are the main pillars of the social insurance system in Poland? • What conditions must be met to qualify for a pension in Poland? • What are the sources of financing for the social insurance system in Poland? • How does sickness insurance differ from accident insurance? • What consequences can arise from failing to pay social insurance contributions? • What are the main objectives of social policy, and what tools are used to achieve them? • How does social policy address social exclusion, and what are its biggest challenges in the 21st century?	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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