

Subject card

Subject name and code	Contemporary challenges of social policy, PG_00165696						
Field of study	Political Studies						
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		3.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		credit		
Conducting unit	Faculty of Social Sciences -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor						
	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		0.0		60.0	90
Subject objectives	Learning about detailed methods and instruments used in social policy, analysis of selected social problems						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[POLMU2_U06] Can identify mechanisms of political perception and assess their effectiveness.	Analyzes and interprets social processes with an emphasis on their consequences and perceptions of different groups when confronted with goals.	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/report [SU3] text preparation/written work
	[POLMU2_W06] Has advanced knowledge of the threats and challenges facing politics, including the principles of creating and developing forms of individual entrepreneurship.	Is able to identify challenges and the most important socio-economic problems.	[SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SW2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[POLMU2_U10] Can assess the roles and significance of political movements and pressure groups.	Identifies entities exerting influence on decisions in the area of social policy at the state level.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SU2] presentation/project/paper/report [SU3] text preparation/written work
	[POLMU2_U12] Can recognize the relations between political organizations and institutions on a national and international scale.	He can analyze and interpret social processes and consequences of the decision in sphere of social policy i compare implementation parameters objectives of this policy in selected countries.	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/report [SU3] text preparation/written work [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLMU2_K04] Is prepared to perform the function of an organizer of civic life in various environments and at various levels of the society structure in accordance with the idea of thinking and acting in an entrepreneurial manner.	He expresses opinions and he is open to different views and also trying complement knowledge.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
	[POLMU2_K02] Is aware of the level of his/her knowledge and skills, understands the need for continuous professional development and performs a self-assessment of his/her own competences determining his/her place and role on the labour market.	He sees the necessity permanent dredging knowledge in the field of social processes.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SK2] presentation/project/paper/report [SK3] text preparation/written work
	[POLMU2_U13] Is able to analyse the results of public opinion surveys and use their results to shape political attitudes and manage work.	Can collect data regarding social processes in selected countries and critically interpret them.	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/report [SU3] text preparation/written work
	[POLMU2_U09] Is able to indicate the conditions for the evolution of political systems by properly selecting sources, critically assessing, analysing and synthesising them, creatively interpreting and transferring the acquired knowledge, using advanced information and communication techniques.	He searches for materials and prepares them selection, analyzes and synthesises their content, extracts conclusions.	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/report [SU3] text preparation/written work
	[POLMU2_W05] Has advanced knowledge of specific policies at the local, regional, and global level.	Uses concepts from the field social policy issues, characterizes the most important institutions and instruments of social policy.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLMU2_W12] Has advanced knowledge about political movements and pressure groups.	Explains the relationship between politics and the determinants of political decisions, including this area.	[SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SW3] text preparation/written work
	[POLMU2_W04] Has an advanced knowledge of the mechanisms of functioning of political power.	Is able to identify the impact of political decisions on the social sphere.	[SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SW2] presentation/project/paper/report [SW3] text preparation/written work
	[POLMU2_K07] Is able to independently and critically supplement knowledge and skills extended by an interdisciplinary dimension.	Analyzes and interprets social processes and consequences of the decision in sphere of social policy.	[SK2] presentation/project/paper/report [SK3] text preparation/written work

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	[POLMU2_U03] Can characterise detailed policies and relations between them at different levels of political decision-making.	Knows the conditions for implementation social policy by the government and local governments.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
	[POLMU2_U05] Can explain the essence of the mechanisms of political participation and understand its importance for shaping the civil society and democratic political culture.	Knows the role and importance of capital social and human for the development of civil society.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SU3] text preparation/written work [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLMU2_U04] Can identify real and hypothetical threats in the political space.	He describes the challenges, most important problems and threats implementation of social policy.	[SU3] text preparation/written work
Subject contents	Goals and conditions of social policy; Diversity of living conditions and its implications in the conditions of globalization; Challenges and consequences of contemporary demographic processes; Senior policy and age management The Reality of social economy in solving problems of social exclusion and the role of entities in social policy (case studies) Conditions and problems in the functioning of health care systems in selected countries; Labor market policy instruments Unconditional universal income (pros and cons) Neighborhood houses as an example of solving problems on a local scale The role of deinstitutionalization in contemporary social policy Ideas and origins of European Union social policy (European social cooperation)		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	reading and discussing a scientific article	51.0%	10.0%
	presence	80.0%	20.0%
	test	51.0%	50.0%
	preparing a presentation	51.0%	20.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature Czyżewska M., Pach J., Sala K. (ed.), <i>Ekonomia społeczna i przedsiębiorczość. Innowacje - środowisko</i>, "CeDeWu", 2020. Lavalette M., Pratt A. (ed.), <i>Polityka społeczna. Teorie, pojęcia, problemy</i>, Difin, Warszawa 2010. Wiktorska-Święcka A., Moroń D., Klimowicz M., Michalewska-Pawlak M., <i>Inwestycje społeczne jako nowy paradygmat polityk publicznych w Unii Europejskiej</i>, "Scholar", Wrocław 2017.		

	Supplementary literature	Grewiński M., <i>Usługi społeczne we współczesnej polityce społecznej. Przegląd problemów i wizja przyszłości</i>, "Elipsa", Warszawa 2021. <i>Polityka społeczna wobec wyzwań i zmian zachodzących we współczesnym świecie</i>, (ed.) M. Kubiak, Uniwersytet Gdański, Gdańsk 2014. Turnowiecki W., Kubiak M., <i>Polityka społeczna Unii Europejskiej</i>, Ateneum Szkoła Wyższa, Gdańsk 2013. <i>Umiedzynarodowienie polskiej polityki społecznej aspekty globalne i europejskie</i>, (ed.) K. Głąbicka, M. Kubiak, PTPS, Uniwersytet Gdański, Gdańsk 2013.
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Functioning and importance of the social economy sector in the area of social inclusion; Characteristics and differentiation of pension systems; Determinants of problems in health care systems.	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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