

Subject card

Subject name and code	Theories and concepts in socio-economic geography, PG_00149808						
Field of study	Socio-economic geography with elements of GIS						
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 Humanistic-social subject group		
Mode of study	full-time studies		Mode of delivery		at the university		
Year of study	1		Language of instruction		Polish		
Semester of study	1		ECTS credits		3.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form				
Conducting unit	Division of Socio-Economic Geography -> Institute of Socio-Economic Geography and Spatial Management -> Faculty of Social Sciences -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Grzegorz Masik				
	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		15.0		30.0	75
Subject objectives	Introduction to basic theories and concepts in the field of socio-economic geography; Critical interpretation of research trends; Demonstrating the connections between theory and practice of socio-economic life						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[GSEMU2_W06] problems and theories in socio-economic geography, taking into account the complex relationships and trends of changes in the natural and anthropogenic environment; understands their theoretical and practical significance	explains theories regarding the influence of a factor anthropogenic impact on the natural environment and describes their practical use in the fight against the harmful effects of human activity	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[GSEMU2_W05] the latest development trends in the field of socio-economic geography	recognizes and defines economic and social trends	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[GSEMU2_W01] in-depth modern socio-economic processes as well as ordered and theoretically founded knowledge of socio-economic geography in connection with related natural and social scientific disciplines	explains the relationship between processes and phenomena occurring in the anthropogenic environment with sociology, economics and ecology	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[GSEMU2_U05] formulate and test hypotheses regarding determinants and factors (natural, social, economic, cultural) of processes occurring in socio-economic space	constructs hypotheses regarding solutions to problems related to the negative impact of socio-economic factors on the natural environment	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
Subject contents	Topics of the lecture: A1. Socio-economic geography: between economics and sociology 1.1. Economic perspective 1.2. A social science perspective A2. Man 2.1. Population potential and its importance 2.2. Human capital 2.3. Social capital A3. Environment 3.1. Environment as a resource 3.2. Ecological safety A4. Spatial socio-economic systems 4.1. Regional socio-economic structures 4.2. Cities and city-regions 4.3 Systems of global connections and flows		
Prerequisites and co-requisites	Knowledge: knows and understands basic issues and terminology in the field of socio-economic geography. Skills: demonstrates the ability to read and understand the literature on the subject in the native language and English and to communicate at the level appropriate for the second cycle of studies; demonstrates critical thinking skills.		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	1 point for each answer to a question in the exam. (total 10 points). Additionally, 1 point for participating in the discussion each time.	51.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature Masik, G. 2022, The concept of resilience of social-ecological systems towards other current development concepts and critical remarks. Geographical Works and Studies, 67, 718. https://doi.org/10.48128/pisg/2022-67.2-01 Masik, G. 2022, The concept of resilience: definitions, interpretations, research approaches and schools of thought). Przegląd Geograficzny, 94, 128. Sagan I., 2017, City. A new issue and a new policy. SCHOLAR Scientific Publishing House, Warsaw Chojnicki Z., 2010, Concepts and methodological and theoretical studies in geography, Bogucki Wydawnictwo Naukowe, Poznań Kuciński K. (ed.), 2009, Economic geography, Oficyna a Wolters Kluwert business, Kraków Chojnicki Z. (ed.), 2004, Geography towards the problems of the present and future, Bogucki Wydawnictwo Naukowe, Poznań Chojnicki Z., 1999, Methodological and theoretical foundations of geography, Bogucki Wydawnictwo Naukowe, Poznań Walmsley D.J., Lewis G.J., 1997. Human geography. Behavioral approaches. PWN Scientific Publishing House, Warsaw		

	Supplementary literature	Masik, G., 2022, The concept of resilience: dimensions, properties of resilient systems and spatial scales of resilience. <i>Geographia Polonica</i>, 95, 295310. Masik, G., Studzińska, D., 2018. Evolution of the concept and research of the smart city. <i>Geographic Review</i>, 90(4), 557571. Masik G., Sagan I., Scott J.W., 2021. Smart City strategies and new urban development policies in the Polish context, <i>Cities</i>, 108, 1-9, Masik, G., & Stępień, J. 2022. Smart local governance: the case of the Gdańsk-Gdynia-Sopot Metropolitan Area in Poland. <i>Journal of Urban Technology</i>, 29, 6381.
	eResources addresses	Adresy na platformie eNauczanie:
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Make a critical interpretation of the nomothetic trend in socio-economic geography. Demonstrate the connections between theory and practice of socio-economic life based on Christaller's theory. Explain the relationship between processes and phenomena occurring in the anthropogenic environment with economics or sociology. List and briefly describe two effects of global connections affecting settlement systems.	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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