

Subject card

Subject name and code	Security Research Methodology, PG_00147440						
Field of study	National Security						
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	1		ECTS credits		4.0		
Learning profile	practical		Assessment form		credit		
Conducting unit							
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Dominik Bień				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	0.0	30.0	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		70.0	100
Subject objectives	The aim of the course is to familiarise students with the basic elements of security research methodology in the context of broader considerations related to social research methodology. Methodology in this case is understood as meta-reflection on methods based on various theoretical trends in social sciences (especially positivism, interpretivism, critical realism) and the application of quantitative and qualitative research methods and techniques. In this context, students acquire knowledge of basic theories and, on this basis, are able to select specific research methods and techniques.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[BNMU2_K01] Is prepared to be active in the labour market in the area of security, is aware of the need to independently improve qualifications, collect and analyse information, critically assesses the knowledge possesses and acquires.		[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
	[BNMU2_U03] Analyses in-depth the causes and course of processes and their evolution related to security, predicts challenges, trends and threats to the social, political, legal, economic and ethical environment using tools and methods specific to security sciences.	Can analyse security-related processes based on a broad foundation in other sub-disciplines of political science and security studies.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
	[BNMU2_U07] At an advanced level identifies and explains the conditions of state security and predicts the impact of social processes on security in particular in relation to the dependencies in which Poland participates.	Can identify problems and conditions affecting national security by forecasting broader social, political, cultural, international, etc. trends.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
	[BNMU2_K03] Has the ability to prioritise goals, methods of operation, and define security priorities. Is prepared to initiate safety activities and make independent decisions and be responsible for the results of own actions and those of the team manages.	Thanks to their knowledge of research theories, methods and techniques in the field of social sciences, they are able to prioritise objectives and methods of action and set priorities in the area of security.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
	[BNMU2_W02] Has in-depth knowledge of legal regulations related to internal security. Has structured and in-depth knowledge about the state, power, politics, public administration, with particular emphasis on secret and border services.	Knows the legal regulations related to internal security in detention in the broader context of political science and social sciences.	[SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
	[BNMU2_W08] Has advanced knowledge of methods, techniques and tools for obtaining data specific to security and related sciences, which allow the description of relations occurring in the area of security, including legal and ethical issues in the field of intellectual property and copyright protection.	Has knowledge based on specific theories in the social sciences and humanities on which to base the methods and techniques used in security research.	[SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SW2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[BNMU2_W14] Has advanced knowledge of the nature of security sciences, their place in the system of sciences and research methodology.	Possesses knowledge based on basic and advanced content in the field of safety sciences based on the scope of social science methodology.	[SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SW2] presentation/project/paper/report [SW5] implementation of a problem task
	[BNMU2_U02] Has advanced research skills in determining political, social, economic, legal, cultural and ethical structures in the modern world.	Based on knowledge of theories, methods and research techniques in the social sciences and humanities, they are able to identify structures and dynamics in cultural and ethical areas in the contemporary world.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
Subject contents	Theories in the social sciences and their relationship to the application of specific methods: a) Positivism b) Interpretationism c) Realism as well as: functionalism, institutionalism, evolutionism, etc. Basic research methods and techniques: quantitative qualitative (interview, content analysis, observation, etc.) application of specific research methods and techniques in research reports Application of specific methods and techniques in diploma theses		

Prerequisites and co-requisites	No prerequisites		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
		51.0%	70.0%
		80.0%	30.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	.	
	Supplementary literature	.	
	eResources addresses		
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed			
Work placement	Not applicable		

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