University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Social Psychology, PG_00172313		
Field of study	International Economic Relations		
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025	Academic year of realisation of subject	2026/2027
Education level	Bachelor's studies	Subject group	Obligatory subject group in the field of study Optional subject group
Mode of study	full-time studies	Mode of delivery	at the university
Year of study	2	Language of instruction	Polish
Semester of study	3	ECTS credits	2.0
Learning profile	academic	Assessment form	
Conducting unit	Division of Global Economy -> Department of Maritime Transport and Seaborne Trade -> Faculty of Economics -> Rector		
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor	dr Bożena Kłusek-Wojciszke	
	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	10.0	10.0	50

Subject objectives

The aim of the course is to familiarize students with issues from social psychology focusing on the issue of exerting social influence. In other words, allowing them to answer the question: how does what one person does, thinks and feels affect what another person does, thinks and feels?

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[MSGL3_W09] has knowledge about a human being as an individual making economic decisions, acting within social structures and organisational units (in particular enterprises) or conducting individual economic activity	Student has basic knowledge about man as an individual acting in social and organizational structures, who makes economic decisions.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[MSGL3_W01] has an advanced knowledge of economic sciences, in particular of economics and its place in the system of sciences, including within related disciplines	Student has basic knowledge about the place of economics in the system of sciences, its nature, methodology and connections with social psychology.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[MSGL3_W06] knows and understands the relations between economic entities and public institutions functioning in the national, international and intercultural realms	Student knows the general and detailed relations between economic entities and the mechanisms that influence social behavior.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written

Subject contents	1. **Social psychology as a science.** Definition and scope of social psychology; specificity of the field (individualism, methodological positivism, constant growth of scope); basic types of research methods; main rules and examples of applications. 2. **Mechanisms of social influence and main techniques of social manipulation.** Engagement in action; the rule of reciprocity, the rule of unavailability, the rule of social proof of validity, the rule of authority; liking (maximizing one's own attractiveness). 3. **Stereotypes and prejudices.** Origin of stereotypes and prejudices; theories of accentuation and social identity; influence on the perception of people; cognitive, emotional and social functions of stereotypes. 4. **Perception of people and their behaviour.** Determinants of human interpretation and behaviour; basic idea of attribution theory; actor-observer difference and its explanations; implicit personality theories. 5. Judging others. The role of descriptive information content (morality and justice); influence of schemas on evaluation. 6. **Interpersonal attractiveness.** Theories of interpersonal attractiveness; determinants of attractiveness: appearance (innate and cultural determinants of physical attractiveness), advantages, similarity, favours, compliments, cooperation; mechanisms of the impact of attractiveness: the rule of association and the phenomenon of basking in someone else's glory. 7. **Prosocial behaviour.** Main theories of prosociality: sociobiological concepts, decision-making model, arousal concepts; basic determinants of prosociality. 8. **Aggression theories - determinants and control.** Theory of aggression as instincts and its limitations; frustration hypothesis - aggression its limitations and evolution; theory of social learning of aggression and modeling; empirical validity of aggression theory in the light of contemporary research; basic determinants of aggression. 9. **Social groups.** Group structure; group goals and norms; group interactions and communication; task-oriented group functioning; groupthink syndrome Students deepen their knowledge by solving problems and tasks outside of class and consulting with the lecturer.
Prerequisites and co-requisites	
Assessment methods and criteria	

Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
egzamin pisemny	51.0%	100.0%

Recommended reading	Basic literature	1. Wojciszke B. Psychologia społeczna, Wydawnictwo Naukowe Scholar, Warszawa 2011. 2. Doliński D, Grzyb T. Sto technik wpływu społecznego, Smak Słowa, Sopot, 2022. 3. Cialdini, R. B. Wywieranie Wpływu na ludzi. Teoria i Praktyka, Gdańskie Wydawnictwo Psychologiczne, Gdańsk 2009.
	Supplementary literature	1. Stephan, W. G. i Stephan C. W. (1999) Wywieranie Wpływu Przez Grupy. Psychologia Relacji. Gdańsk: Gdańskie Wydawnictwo Psychologiczne. 2. Zimbardo P.G, R. J. Gerring, Psychologia i życie, Wydawnictwo Naukowe PWN, Warszawa 2022. 3. Crips R.J, Turner R.N. Psychologia społeczna, Wydawnictwo Naukowe PWN, Warszawa 2023.
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed		
Work placement	Not applicable	

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