

Subject card

Subject name and code	Cartography and topography - lecture, PG_00120420						
Field of study	Geography						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject			2025/2026	
Education level	Bachelor's studies		Subject group			Obligatory subject group in the field of study Subject group related to scientific research 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			2.0	
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form			exam	
Conducting unit	Centrum Monitoringu i Ochrony Wód -> Faculty of Oceanography and Geography -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Włodzimierz Golus				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20
	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	20		7.0		18.0	45
Subject objectives	Mastering the program content in the field of cartography and topography with the aim of: (1) acquiring the skills to use appropriate cartographic methods to present elements of the geographical environment and socio-economic phenomena, (2) achieving comprehensive skills in reading maps and selecting and utilizing available geographical information sources, including electronic sources, necessary to compile a specified map, (3) acquiring the ability to select appropriate and accurate methods for presenting numerical and statistical data on maps.						
Learning outcomes	Course outcome		Subject outcome			Method of verification	
	[GEOGRL3-U06] apply methods and research tools of geographic sciences, including conducting observations and field measurements, and assess their suitability for the tasks in which the application objective of geography can be achieved		Student has the ability to select research methods and tools used in the process of map creation, including creating a map based on field measurements.			[SU4] test/exam - oral or written	
	[GEOGRL3-W08] at an advanced level methods and principles development of data on the natural and anthropogenic environment, and methods of their analysis and interpretation		Student recognizes methods of data processing and understands principles of working with cartographic and topographic data on natural and anthropogenic environments, and is able to interpret and analyze the results obtained.			[SW4] test/exam - oral or written	
	[GEOGRL3-U05] find and select the necessary information from professional literature and other sources, including electronic sources		Student is able to search for and evaluate information in professional literature and online resources, particularly those concerning topography and cartography with elements of geodesy.			[SU4] test/exam - oral or written	

Subject contents	Lecture Topics 1. Introductory Information: Cartography and its tasks. The essence of cartographic communication. Communication through maps in a historical context. Modern understanding of the concept of a map. Modern understanding of topography 2. Shape and Dimensions of the Earth: Reference surfaces and coordinate systems. Information from the theory of cartographic projections. Great circle (orthodrome) and rhumb line (loxodrome). Theory of distortions 3. National Systems and Spatial Reference Frameworks Used in Poland: ITRS, ETRS89, ETRF89, PL-ETRF89, PL-ETRF2000. PL-LAEA, PL-LCC, PL-UTM, PL-2000, PL-1992. PL-KRON86-NH, PL-EVRF2007-NH. Division into map sheets and assigning sheet codes in coordinate systems PL-UTM, PL-1992, PL-2000. Geodetic control networks. Classification of geographic maps 4. Topography and Its Tasks: Field surveys: measurements of distances, horizontal and vertical angles. Topographic instruments. Direction orientation, azimuths: geographic, magnetic, and topographic, and their interrelations. Topographic azimuth and quadrant selected topographic tasks involving coordinate calculations. Planimetric and altimetric measurements. Map content, classification of maps, analog maps, digital maps 5. Elements of a Geographic Map: Mathematical framework (scales and divisions, projection, geodetic control). Cartographic representation (cartographic means of expression, methods of depicting relief, point, linear, and area objects, cartographic methods of presenting qualitative and quantitative phenomena, cartographic generalization). Auxiliary symbols (map legend, measurement charts, information data). Supplementary data (cross-sections, diagrams, block diagrams, tables, and textual data on the map margins supplementing the main cartographic representation) 6. Topographic Maps: Cartographic projections of topographic maps. Elements of a topographic map. Use of topographic maps. 7. Thematic Maps: Classification and overview of thematic maps. Basic national map. Nautical Maps. 8. Cartographic Method of Research. 9. Map Editing and Reproduction: Geographic atlases 10. Cartography and GIS 11. Electronic Maps and Atlases		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	Exam	51.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	- Paślowski J. (red.), 2010, Wprowadzenie do kartografii i topografii, Wydawnictwo Nowa Era Redakcja Kartograficzna, Wrocław; - Pelczar M., Szeliga J., Ziółkowski J., 1991, Zarys kartografii i topografii, Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Gdańskiego, Gdańsk. - Ratajski L., 1989, Metodyka kartografii społeczno-gospodarczej, PPWK, Warszawa-Wrocław; - Saliszczew K., 1998, Kartografia ogólna, PWN, Warszawa.	
	Supplementary literature	- Churski Z., Galon R., 1996, Siatki Kartograficzne, Wydawnictwo UMK, Toruń. - Dzikiewicz B., 1971, Topografia, Wyd. Ministerstwa Obrony Narodowej. - Berlant A., Paślowski J. (red.), 2001, Metody kartograficzne a możliwości systemów komputerowych, Uniwersytet Warszawski, Warszawa	

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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed		
Work placement	Not applicable	

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