University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Geography of Settlements - laboratory, PG_00193879						
Field of study	Geography						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026		Academic year of realisation of subject		2028/2029		
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	3		Language of instruction		Polish		
Semester of study	5		ECTS credits		1.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		credit		
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 Klaudia Nowicka				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	0.0	0.0	15.0	0.0	0.0	15
	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	15		2.0		8.0	25
Subject objectives	Understanding the basic concepts and ideas of settlement geography. Comprehending the influence of historical, natural, and socio-economic factors on the formation of settlement networks. Familiarizing students with contemporary urbanization processes and the main forms of urban settlements. Introducing students to urban structures: spatial, functional, social, and economic. Introducing the issues of local policy along with its impact on the development of contemporary urban and rural areas.						

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[GEOGRL3-U09] is able to work in a group and take on various roles within it, look after the equipment entrusted to them, and ensure their own safety and that of others.	The student works in a group during practical sessions on the geography of settlement and is able to take on various roles within the group, as well as look after the equipment entrusted to them and ensure their own safety and that of others.	[SU8] observation of student's independent or team work
[GEOGRL3-U04] can apply field and laboratory methods and research tools, spatial analysis methods, and methods of presenting research results in the field of geography, assess their usefulness for tasks in which the application goal of geography can be realized	The student is able to apply both field-based and desk-based methods as well as research tools used in the geographical sciences, including conducting field observations and measurements, and to assess their suitability for the implementation of tasks related to various spheres of functioning of urban and rural areas.	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SU8] observation of student's independent or team work
[GEOGRL3-U05] can use scientific language and express opinions and discuss topics related to geography in Polish and a foreign language	The student is able to use scientific language and express themselves and discuss topics related to settlement geography in both Polish and English.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SU3] text preparation/written work
[GEOGRL3-W06] knows advanced methods of acquiring, processing, and compiling geographic environmental data, as well as methods of analyzing and interpreting such data	The student knows and understands advanced methods and principles for processing data on the anthropogenic environment and methods for their interpretation, including demonstrating the specifics of urban and rural areas.	[SW2] presentation/project/paper/ report
[GEOGRL3-U01] can dentify and analyze basic natural and socio-economic processes and phenomena, analyze their causes and course, and formulate and discuss basic issues concerning physical-geographical conditions and the social, economic, and political situation and their changes on various spatial scales	The student is able to identify and analyze basic natural and socioeconomic processes and phenomena, as well as analyze their causes and course, with a critical reference to the settlement specifics of a given area (at various spatial scales).	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/ report
[GEOGRL3-K01] is prepared to critically assess the level of one's knowledge, use it in professional activities and, in case of difficulties, to be assisted by the knowledge of experts	The student is ready to critically assess their level of knowledge in the field of settlement geography, utilize it in professional activities, and, in case of difficulties, seek the support of experts.	[SK2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SK3] text preparation/written work

Subject contents

1. Terms, Definitions, and Methods Applied in Settlement Geography.
2. Basic Settlement Units and Types of Rural Settlements and Rural Settlement Systems.
3. Morphogenesis of Rural Settlements.
4. Social and Economic Consequences of Changes in Land Ownership, with Particular Reference to State Agricultural Farms.
5. Processes of Urbanization.
6. Traditional and Emerging Functions of Rural Areas.
7. Current Problems and Research Trends in Settlement Geography.

Prerequisites and co-requisites

Assessment methods and criteria

Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
Assessment of oral presentation	51.0%	25.0%
Assessment of written assignment	51.0%	25.0%
The grade obtained from the quiz/ exam	51.0%	25.0%
Assessment of presentation/ project/paper	51.0%	25.0%

Recommended reading	Basic literature	Krzysztofik R., 2014, Geneza aglomeracji miast na obszarze Polski, Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Śląskiego, Katowice Liszewski S., Maik W., 2000, Wielka Encyklopedia Geografii Świata. Osadnictwo, Wydawnictwo Kurpisz, Poznań Sagan I., 2017, Miasto. Nowa kwestia i nowa polityka. Wydawnictwo Naukowe SCHOLAR, Warszawa Szymańska D., 2013, Geografia osadnictwa, Wydanie II rozszerzone, Wyd. Nauk. PWN, Warszawa Węcławowicz G., 2003. Geografia społeczna miast. Wydawnictwo Naukowe PWN, Warszawa Węcławowicz G., 2002, Przestrzeń i społeczeństwo współczesnej Polski, PWN Warszawa Węcławowicz G., 2018, Geografia społeczna Polski, Wyd. Nauk. PWN, Warszawa Zuzańska-Żyśko E., 2016, Procesy metropolizacji. Teoria i praktyka, Wyd. Nauk. PWN, Warszawa
	Supplementary literature	Dziewoński K., 1990, Koncepcje i metody badawcze z dziedziny osadnictwa, Prace Geograficzne nr 154, IGIPZ PAN Warszawa Jałowiecki B., Szczepański M.S., 2002. Miasto i przestrzeń w perspektywie socjologicznej. Wydawnictwo Naukowe SCHOLAR, Warszawa Lackowska M., 2009, Zarządzanie obszarami metropolitalnymi w Polsce, Wyd. UW, Warszawa Liszewski S., 2012, Geografia urbanistyczna, Wyd. Nauk. PWN, Warszawa Majer A., 2014, Odrodzenie miast, Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Łódzkiego, Łódź Sagan I., 2017, Miasto. Nowa kwestia i nowa polityka. Wydawnictwo Naukowe SCHOLAR, Warszawa Szmytkowska M., 2008, Przestrzeń społeczna miasta w okresie transformacji. Przypadek Gdyni. WN Scholar, Warszawa Szmytkowska M., 2017, Kreacje współczesnego miasta, Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Gdańskiego, Gdańsk
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Analysis of a scientific article in English. Identification of morphogenetic types of rural settlements based on a topographic map. Calculation of the urbanization index; functional classification of towns based on the structure of employment; characterization of the level of urbanization of municipalities using feature normalization. Formulation of conclusions after viewing a documentary on the socio-economic problems of Polish rural areas. New functions of Polish rural areas in the context of various dimensions of urbanization. Analysis of spatial policy and spatial planning documents.	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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