Subject card

Subject name and code	Methodology of Social Science, PG_00200595						
Field of study	Ethnology						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026		Academic year of realisation of subject		2027/2028		
Education level	Bachelor'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	2		Language of instruction		Polish		
Semester of study	3		ECTS credits		3.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		exam		
Conducting unit							
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr hab. Tarzycjusz Buliński, prof. UG				
	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		2.0		43.0	75
Subject objectives	1. Introduction to the specifics of scientific knowledge 2. Familiarization with the basic concepts of scientific methodology 3. Familiarization with the characteristics of anthropology as a scientific discipline						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[ETNOL3_W01] Has an advanced knowledge of the place and significance of the humanities in the system of sciences, as well as their thematic and methodological specificity	Believes in the importance of behaving professionally and ethically as an anthropologist in accordance with the ethical standards of the discipline.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[ETNOL3_U01] Is able to independently acquire and organise knowledge in a structured and systematic manner, using modern techniques for gathering, classifying and analysing information	Independently consolidates knowledge of social science methodology in an orderly and systematic manner.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[ETNOL3_W07] Knows and understand research methods and tools of the ethnologist's workshop	Knows research methods and tools used in ethnology and is able to situate them in the context of methods and tools used in other disciplines of the humanities and social sciences.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[ETNOL3_U02] Is able to apply appropriate research tools and methods of the scientific toolbox of an ethnologist and cultural anthropologist in order to solve problems formulated by themselves or by others	Can plan a simple research process using research methods appropriate for the scientific workshop of an ethnologist and anthropologist.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written [SU8] observation of student's independent or team work
	[ETNOL3_W05] Knows and understands the links between ethnology and cultural anthropology and other humanities and social sciences: cultural studies, philosophy, history, archaeology, sociology	Has knowledge of the place and significance of the humanities and social sciences in the system of sciences, as well as their methodological and subject-specific characteristics.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[ETNOL3_K01] Knows the extent of their knowledge and skills, organises their work effectively, and critically evaluates the extent to which it has progressed	Knows the scope of their methodological knowledge in the field of anthropology and critically evaluates the ways in which it can be applied and used.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SK8] observation of student's independent or team work
	[ETNOL3_K04] Understands ethical issues related to the responsibility for the quality of knowledge they disseminate	Understands the ethical issues involved in the pursuit and production of scientific knowledge related to responsibility for the quality of the knowledge conveyed.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion
	[ETNOL3_K06] Is convinced of the importance of behaving in a professional manner, reflecting on ethical issues, and observing professional ethics	Ma przekonanie o wadze zachowania się w sposób profesjonalny i etyczny jako antropolog lub antropolożka w zgodzie ze standardami etycznymi dyscypliny	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion

Subject contents	1. Basic concepts of the philosophy of science 2. Types of human knowledge 3. Classification of sciences 4. The difference between natural sciences and social sciences and humanities 5. Types of explanation. 6. Models of science I: inductionism 7. Models of science II: hypothetism, Th. Kuhn's concept. 8. Characteristics and stages of the research process I 9. Characteristics and stages of the research process II 10. Characteristics of anthropology as a scientific discipline I 11. Characteristics of anthropology as a scientific discipline II 12. Cultural anthropology and other disciplines. 13. Clifford Geertz's thick description as a key methodological category for contemporary anthropology 14. Paradigms in anthropology
Prerequisites and co-requisites	not applicable

Assessment methods and criteria

Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
written exam	51.0%	100.0%

Recommended reading

Basic literature	S. Nowak, Metodologia nauk społecznych, Warszawa 1985, 2007 J. Such, M. Szcześniak, Filozofia nauki, Poznań 2000 C. Geertz, Interpretacje kultur, Kraków 2005, rozdz. 1 i 15.
Supplementary literature	T. Buliński, M. Kairski (red.), Teren w antropologii, Poznań 2011, rozdz. 14 K. Hastrup, Droga do antropologii. Między doświadczeniem a teorią, Kraków 2008.
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Describe the difference between methodological naturalism and methodological anti-naturalism.
Work placement	Not applicable

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