University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Methodology of social research, PG_00202199		
Field of study	Socio-economic geography with elements of GIS		
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026	Academic year of realisation of subject	2026/2027
Education level	Master'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	5.0
Learning profile	academic	Assessment form	exam
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 hab. Maja Grabkowska	
	Teachers		

Lesson types

Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
Number of study hours	30.0	30.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	60

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	60	8.0	57.0	125

Subject objectives

To familiarise students with qualitative and quantitative methods of social research, applied and useful in the field of socio-economic geography

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[GSEMU2_W04] recognises in-depth methods and tools (quantitative, qualitative, cartographic) of research in socio-economic geography	lists the stages of the research process based on quantitative and qualitative methods used in socio-economic geography	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[GSEMU2_U04] adapts existing research tools and methods to solve complex and unusual problems occurring in the anthropogenic environment	develops appropriate combinations of quantitative and qualitative methods and transforms known methods according to a given problem related to assumed and atypical environmental phenomena	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
[GSEMU2_K01] is ready to critically assess knowledge and received content in the field of socio-economic geography and Geographic Information Systems	verifies, reports and justifies the qualitative and quantitative results obtained by himself/herself/ themself and by others	[SK2] presentation/project/paper/ report
[GSEMU2_U03] selects and applies appropriate social research methods (including statistical and cartographic ones) and research tools with particular emphasis on information technologies and GIS software	builds the research process according to the methodology appropriate to socio-economic geography and selects appropriate quantitative and qualitative methods for the study	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/ report

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A1. Introduction to the methodology of social research
A2. Structure of the research process
A3. Qualitative social research methods
A4. Quantitative social research methods

B. The practicals

B1. Preparation for conducting research using qualitative and quantitative methods on a selected topic in human geography
B2. Conducting research, analysis and interpretation of results
B3. Presentation of research results in written and oral form in class</td></tr>
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Kvale S., 2010. Prowadzenie wywiadow. Wydawnictwo Naukowe PWN, Warszawa.
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