University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	The development of modern cities B, PG_00202226		
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	2	ECTS credits	3.0
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 Joanna Stępień	
	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	7.0	38.0	75

Subject objectives	
	To familiarize students with contemporary urbanization processes and the main forms of urban settlement on a global, European and national scale. To familiarize students with the socio-economic and functional-spatial processes taking place in contemporary cities with particular emphasis on the situation in Poland. To familiarize students with the main currents and concepts of urban policy.

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[GSEMU2_U02] properly selects sources and information derived from them, with particular regard to sources of spatial information; evaluatesthem critically and interpret them creatively	selects sources and information from them on the socio-economic functioning of modern cities, evaluates, critically analyzes and synthesizes information in the field of urban development and urban policy ; adapts existing or develops new methods and tools to formulate and test hypotheses related to simple research problems in urban geography;	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[GSEMU2_W02] recognises in-depth complexity of knowledge about the specifics of the functioning of territorial social systems	explains the peculiarities of the functioning of territorial social systems in modern cities, analyzes and is able to critically evaluate the assumptions of urban policy on a national, regional and local scale	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[GSEMU2_U08] uses a foreign language in the field of socio-economic geography in accordance with the requirements specified for level B2+ of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages	performs complex research tasks in the field of urban geography, interacting with others in the implementation of an urban planning project, presents the results of this research in written and oral form using specialized terminology; prepares a critical review of an English-language publication on the problems of contemporary cities of the world and refers to the situation in Poland	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[GSEMU2_K02] is ready to solve cognitive and practical problems in the field of socio-economic geography in cooperation with various entities, taking into account the acquired knowledge	adjusts the solution of cognitive and practical problems in the field of urban (city) geography, taking into account the knowledge learned, in cooperation with various entities, especially local and regional authorities, NGOs and urban activists	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[GSEMU2_W01] explains in-depth modern socio-economic processes as well as has ordered and theoretically founded knowledge of socio-economic geography in connection with related natural and social scientific disciplines	defines and correctly classifies urbanization processes occurring in the modern world; lists and explains the main models of urban development and the basic ideas and concepts of cities and their references in urban policy; recalls the determinants of the development of metropolitan areas;	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[GSEMU2_W05] has in-depth knowledge and understanding of the latest developments in the field of socio-economic geography	recognizes and recalls the latest development trends in the field of urban geography (geography of cities) with particular emphasis on research conducted in Polish cities of various sizes	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[GSEMU2_U07] performs complex research tasks or expertise in the field of socio-economic geography by interacting with other people, taking a leading role in teams and can present the results of these studies in a written and oral form using specialist terminology	performs complex research tasks in the field of urban geography, interacting with others in the implementation of an urban planning project, presents the results of this research in written and oral form using specialized terminology; prepares a critical review of an English-language publication on the problems of contemporary cities of the world and refers to the situation in Poland	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written

Subject contents	Problems of the lecture: A1.Theories of urban development A2.Main social and economic processes occurring in modern cities A3.Determinants of development of metropolitan areas A4.Small and medium-sized cities and their importance A5.Cities in national, regional and local politics A6.Dimensions and directions of urban policy of modern cities
Prerequisites and co-requisites	

Assessment methods and criteria

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

Recommended reading

Basic literature

A. Literature required for final course credit (passing the exam):

Liszewski S., 2012, Urban geography, Wyd. Nauk. PWN, Warsaw

Majer A., 2014, The rebirth of cities, Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Łódzkiego, Łódź

Sagan I., 2017, The city. The new question and the new politics. SCHOLAR Scientific Publishing House, Warsaw

Sagan I., 2000, The city. Scene of conflicts and cooperation. Urban development in the light of the concept of urban regime. Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Gdańskiego, Gdańsk

Sagan I., 2017, The city. The new issue and the new politics. SCHOLAR Scientific Publishing House, Warsaw

Szymańska D., 2013, Geografia osadnictwa, Wydanie II rozszerzone, Wyd. Nauk. PWN, Warsaw

Węcławowicz G., 2018, Geografia społeczna Polski, Wyd. Nauk. PWN, Warsaw

Zuzańska-Żyśko E., 2016, Processes of metropolization. Theory and practice, Wyd. Nauk. PWN, Warsaw

	Supplementary literature	Supplementary literature: Dymnicka M., 2013, Public space and city transformations, WN Scholar, Warsaw, Poland. Dymnicka M., Bierwiaczonek,K., Kajdanek K., Nawrocki T., 2017, Miasto Przestrzeń Tożsamość. A study of three cities Gdańsk, Gliwice, Wrocław, WN Scholar, Warsaw Jałowiecki B., 2009, Is the metropolis a city, Wydawnictwo Naukowe Scholar, Warsaw. Krzysztofik R., 2014, Geneza aglomeracji miast na obszarze Polski, Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Śląskiego, Katowice Lackowska M., 2009, Management of metropolitan areas in Poland, Wyd. UW, Warsaw
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed		
Work placement	Not applicable	

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