University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Theories and concepts in socio-economic geography, PG_00202227		
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	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 Grzegorz Masik	
	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	
	Introduction to basic theories and concepts in the field of socio-economic geography; Critical interpretation of research trends; Demonstrating the connections between theory and practice of socio-economic life

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[GSEMU2_W05] has in-depth knowledge and understanding of the latest developments in the field of socio-economic geography	recognizes and defines economic and social trends	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[GSEMU2_W06] explains problems and theories in socio-economic geography, taking into account the complex relationships and trends of changes in the natural and anthropogenic environment; understands their theoretical and practical significance	explains theories regarding the influence of a factor anthropogenic impact on the natural environment and describes their practical use in the fight against the harmful effects of human activity	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[GSEMU2_U05] formulates and tests hypotheses regarding determinants and factors (natural, social, economic, cultural) of processes occurring in socio-economic space	constructs hypotheses regarding solutions to problems related to the negative impact of socio-economic factors on the natural environment	[SU4] 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	explains the relationship between processes and phenomena occurring in the anthropogenic environment with sociology, economics and ecology	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written

Subject contents

Topics of the lecture: A1. Socio-economic geography: between economics and sociology 1.1. Economic perspective 1.2. A social science perspective A2. Man 2.1. Population potential and its importance 2.2. Human capital 2.3. Social capital A3. Environment 3.1. Environment as a resource 3.2. Ecological safety A4. Spatial socio-economic systems 4.1. Regional socio-economic structures 4.2. Cities and city-regions 4.3 Systems of global connections and flows

Prerequisites and co-requisites

Assessment methods and criteria

Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
1 point for each answer to a question in the exam. (total 10 points). Additionally, 1 point for participating in the discussion each time.	51.0%	100.0%

Recommended reading

Basic literature

Stachowiak K., Kudłak R. (eds.), 2024, Challenges and perspectives of socio-economic geography and spatial management, Studia KPZK PAN, vol.. 25/217, Poznań- Warszawa.

Masik, G. 2022, The concept of resilience of social-ecological systems towards other current development concepts and critical remarks. Geographical Works and Studies, 67, 718. https://doi.org/10.48128/pisg/2022-67.2-01

Sagan I., 2017, City. A new issue and a new policy. SCHOLAR Scientific Publishing House, Warsaw

Chojnicki Z., 2010, Concepts and methodological and theoretical studies in geography, Bogucki Wydawnictwo Naukowe, Poznań

Kuciński K. (ed.), 2009, Economic geography, Oficyna a Wolters Kluwert business, Kraków

Chojnicki Z. (ed.), 2004, Geography towards the problems of the present and future, Bogucki Wydawnictwo Naukowe, Poznań

Chojnicki Z., 1999, Methodological and theoretical foundations of geography, Bogucki Wydawnictwo Naukowe, Poznań

Walmsley D.J., Lewis G.J., 1997. Human geography. Behavioral approaches. PWN Scientific Publishing House, Warsaw

	Supplementary literature	Masik, G., 2022, The concept of resilience: dimensions, properties of resilient systems and spatial scales of resilience. Geographia Polonica, 95, 295310. Masik, G., Studzińska, D., 2018. Evolution of the concept and research of the smart city. Geographic Review, 90(4), 557571. Masik G., Sagan I., Scott J.W., 2021. Smart City strategies and new urban development policies in the Polish context, Cities, 108, 1-9, Masik, G., & Stępień, J. 2022. Smart local governance: the case of the Gdańsk-Gdynia-Sopot Metropolitan Area in Poland. Journal of Urban Technology, 29, 6381.
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Make a critical interpretation of the nomothetic trend in socio-economic geography. Demonstrate the connections between theory and practice of socio-economic life based on Christaller's theory. Explain the relationship between processes and phenomena occurring in the anthropogenic environment with economics or sociology. List and briefly describe two effects of global connections affecting settlement systems.	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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