

Subject card

Subject name and code	Contemporary challenges of social policy, PG_00204074						
Field of study	Political Studies						
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			credit	
Conducting unit	Faculty of Social Sciences -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr hab. Michał Kubiak				
	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		3.0		42.0	75
Subject objectives	Learning about detailed methods and instruments used in social policy, analysis of selected social problems						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[POLMU2_W06] Knows contemporary political threats and challenges and understands their institutional and regulatory conditions, including in the context of entrepreneurship development.	Is able to identify challenges and the most important socio-economic problems.	[SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SW2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[POLMU2_W05] At an in-depth level knows how to analyze and compare specific policies and assess the relationships between them at different levels of political decision-making.	Uses concepts from the field social policy issues, characterizes the most important institutions and instruments of social policy.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLMU2_W04] Has an in-depth understanding of the functioning of political power and the factors influencing the behavior of political actors at both the individual and societal levels.	Is able to identify the impact of political decisions on the social sphere.	[SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SW2] presentation/project/paper/report [SW3] text preparation/written work
	[POLMU2_U05] Is able to explain the essence of the mechanisms of political participation and understand its importance for shaping the civil society and democratic political culture.	Knows the role and importance of capital social and human for the development of civil society.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SU3] text preparation/written work [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[POLMU2_U04] Is able to identify real and hypothetical threats in the political space.	He describes the challenges, most important problems and threats implementation of social policy.	[SU3] text preparation/written work
	[POLMU2_U03] Can characterise detailed policies and relations between them at different levels of political decision-making.	Knows the conditions for implementation social policy by the government and local governments.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
	[POLMU2_K07] Is able to independently and critically supplement knowledge and develop disciplinary skills, taking into account the interdisciplinary dimension of issues and problems.	Analyzes and interprets social processes and consequences of the decision in sphere of social policy.	[SK2] presentation/project/paper/report [SK3] text preparation/written work
	[POLMU2_K04] Is prepared to perform the function of an organizer of civic life in various environments and at various levels of the society structure in accordance with the idea of thinking and acting in an entrepreneurial manner.	He expresses opinions and he is open to different views and also trying complement knowledge.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
	[POLMU2_K02] Is able to apply disciplinary knowledge in the analysis of complex political, social, and institutional problems in various contexts. Is aware of the level of their knowledge and skills, understands the need for continuous professional development, and conducts a self-assessment of their own competences determining their position and role in the labour market.	He sees the necessity permanent dredging knowledge in the field of social processes.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SK2] presentation/project/paper/report [SK3] text preparation/written work

Subject contents	Goals and conditions of social policy; Diversity of living conditions and its implications in the conditions of globalization; Challenges and consequences of contemporary demographic processes; Senior policy and age management The Reality of social economy in solving problems of social exclusion and the role of entities in social policy (case studies) Conditions and problems in the functioning of health care systems in selected countries; Labor market policy instruments Unconditional universal income (pros and cons) Neighborhood houses as an example of solving problems on a local scale The role of deinstitutionalization in contemporary social policy Ideas and origins of European Union social policy (European social cooperation)		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	preparing a presentation	51.0%	20.0%
	reading and discussing a scientific article	51.0%	10.0%
	activity during classes	0.0%	20.0%
	test	51.0%	50.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	Czyżewska M., Pach J., Sala K. (ed.), <i>Ekonomia społeczna i przedsiębiorczość. Innowacje - środowisko</i>, "CeDeWu", 2020. Lavalette M., Pratt A. (ed.), <i>Polityka społeczna. Teorie, pojęcia, problemy</i>, Difin, Warszawa 2010. Wiktorska-Święcka A., Moroń D., Klimowicz M., Michalewska-Pawlak M., <i>Inwestycje społeczne jako nowy paradygmat polityk publicznych w Unii Europejskiej</i>, "Scholar", Wrocław 2017.	
	Supplementary literature	Grewiński M., <i>Usługi społeczne we współczesnej polityce społecznej. Przegląd problemów i wizja przyszłości</i>, "Elipsa", Warszawa 2021. <i>Polityka społeczna wobec wyzwań i zmian zachodzących we współczesnym świecie</i>, (ed.) M. Kubiak, Uniwersytet Gdański, Gdańsk 2014. Turnowiecki W., Kubiak M., <i>Polityka społeczna Unii Europejskiej</i>, Ateneum Szkoła Wyższa, Gdańsk 2013. <i>Umieędzynarodowienie polskiej polityki społecznej aspekty globalne i europejskie</i>, (ed.) K. Głębicka, M. Kubiak, PTPS, Uniwersytet Gdański, Gdańsk 2013.	
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Functioning and importance of the social economy sector in the area of social inclusion; Characteristics and differentiation of pension systems; Determinants of problems in health care systems.
Work placement	Not applicable

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