University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Development of modern cities A, PG_00204782		
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	credit
Conducting unit			
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor	dr Magdalena Szmytkowska	
	Teachers		

Lesson types

Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
Number of study hours	15.0	15.0	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 familiarise students with contemporary urbanisation processes and the main forms of urban settlement on a global, European and national scaleto introduce students to socio-economic and functional-spatial processes taking place in contemporary cities, with particular emphasis on the situation in Polandto introduce students to the main currents and concepts of urban policy.

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[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	student performs complex research tasks in the field of urban geography, cooperating with others on an urban planning project, presents the results of this research in written and oral form using specialist terminology; prepares a critical review of an English-language publication on the problems of contemporary cities in the world and relates it to the situation in Poland	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU2] presentation/project/paper/ report
[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	the student 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 [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
[GSEMU2_W05] has in-depth knowledge and understanding of the latest developments in the field of socio-economic geography	the student defines and correctly classifies urbanisation processes occurring in the modern world	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion [SW3] text preparation/written work
[GSEMU2_W02] recognises in-depth complexity of knowledge about the specifics of the functioning of territorial social systems	the student explains the specificity of the functioning of territorial social systems in modern cities, analyses and can critically evaluate the assumptions of urban policy on a national, regional and local scale	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
[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	the student adapts existing or develops new methods and tools in order to formulate and test hypotheses related to research problems in urban geography; is able to prepare an expert opinion of a diagnostic and strategic nature for the city	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SU3] text preparation/written work [SU5] implementation of a problem task
[GSEMU2_U02] properly selects sources and information derived from them, with particular regard to sources of spatial information; evaluatesthem critically and interpret them creatively	the student selects sources and information from them on the socio-economic functioning of contemporary cities, evaluates, critically analyses and synthesises information on the development of cities and the urban policy pursued in them	[SU3] text preparation/written work [SU5] implementation of a problem task
[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	the student adapts the solution of cognitive and practical problems in the field of urban geography (city), taking into account the knowledge acquired, in cooperation with various stakeholders, especially local and regional authorities, NGOs and urban activists	[SK2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SK3] text preparation/written work [SK5] implementation of a problem task

Subject contents

deindustrialisation and the post-industrial cityrevitalisation processesculture in the post-industrial citymetropolisation and suburbanisation as key dimensions of contemporary urbanisation in Polandnon-metropolises and their problems/opportunitiesevolution of urban policy in Poland after 1989waterfront as a special development area of contemporary cities

Prerequisites and co-requisites

Assessment methods and criteria

Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
colloquium	60.0%	60.0%
metropolitan team project	100.0%	40.0%

Recommended reading	Basic literature	Jałowiecki B., Szczepański M.S., 2006, Miasto i przestrzeń w perspektywie socjologicznej, WN Scholar, Warszawa Liszewski S., 2012, Geografia urbanistyczna, Wyd. Nauk. PWN, Warszawa Sagan I., 2017, Miasto. Nowa kwestia i nowa polityka. Wydawnictwo Naukowe SCHOLAR, Warszawa Szymańska D., 2013, Geografia osadnictwa, Wydanie II rozszerzone, Wyd. Nauk. PWN, Warszawa Węcławowicz G., 2018, Geografia społeczna Polski, Wyd. Nauk. PWN, Warszawa Zuzańska-Żyśko E., 2016, Procesy metropolizacji. Teoria i praktyka, Wyd. Nauk. PWN, Warszawa
	Supplementary literature	Castells M., 1982, Kwestia miejska, PWN, Warszawa Dymnicka M., 2013, Przestrzeń publiczna a przemiany miasta, WN Scholar, Warszawa Dymnicka M., Bierwiaczonek K., Kajdanek K., Nawrocki T., 2017, Miasto Przestrzeń Tożsamość. Studium trzech miast Gdańsk, Gliwice, Wrocław, WN Scholar, W-wa Krzysztofik R., 2014, Geneza aglomeracji miast na obszarze Polski, Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Śląskiego, Katowice Lackowska M., 2009, Zarządzanie obszarami metropolitalnymi w Polsce, Wyd. UW, Warszawa Majer A., 2014, Odrodzenie miast, Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Łódzkiego, Łódź Szmytkowska M., 2017, Kreacje współczesnego miasta, Wydawnictwo UG, Gdańsk Śleszyński P., 2013, Delimitacja Miejskich Obszarów Funkcjonalnych stolic województw, Przegląd Geograficzny 85(2), s. 173197 Śleszyński P., 2018, Polska średnich miast. Założenia i koncepcja deglomeracji w Polsce, Klub Jagielloński, Warszawa
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed		
Work placement	Not applicable	

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