

Subject card

Subject name and code	Security Research Methodology (Classes), PG_00205482						
Field of study	National Security						
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 practical vocational preparation		
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			4.0		
Learning profile	practical	Assessment form			credit		
Conducting unit							
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Dominik Bień				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	0.0	30.0	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		2.0		68.0	100
Subject objectives	The aim of the course is to familiarise students with the basic elements of security research methodology in the context of broader considerations related to social research methodology. Methodology in this case is understood as meta-reflection on methods based on various theoretical trends in social sciences (especially positivism, interpretivism, critical realism) and the application of quantitative and qualitative research methods and techniques. In this context, students acquire knowledge of basic theories and, on this basis, are able to select specific research methods and techniques.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[BNMU2_W08] Has in-depth knowledge of methods, techniques and tools for obtaining data specific to security and related sciences, which allow the description of relations occurring in the area of security, including legal and ethical issues in the field of intellectual property and copyright protection.	Has knowledge based on specific theories in the social sciences and humanities on which to base the methods and techniques used in security research.	[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion [SW2] presentation/project/paper/ report
	[BNMU2_U07] Identifies and explains the determinants of state security and forecasts the impact of social processes on security, particularly with regard to the dependencies in which Poland participates.	Can identify problems and conditions affecting national security by forecasting broader social, political, cultural, international, etc. trends.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion
	[BNMU2_U02] Has research skills in determining political, social, economic, legal, cultural and ethical structures in the modern world.	Based on knowledge of theories, methods and research techniques in the social sciences and humanities, they are able to identify structures and dynamics in cultural and ethical areas in the contemporary world.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion
	[BNMU2_K03] Is prepared to prioritise goals and methods of operation, define security priorities, initiate actions, make independent decisions, and take responsibility for the outcomes of both their own work and that of the team.	Thanks to their knowledge of research theories, methods and techniques in the field of social sciences, they are able to prioritise objectives and methods of action and set priorities in the area of security.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion
	[BNMU2_U03] Analyses the causes and course of processes and their evolution related to security, and forecasts challenges, trends, and threats to the social, political, legal, economic, and ethical environment using tools and methods appropriate to security sciences.	Can analyse security-related processes based on a broad foundation in other sub-disciplines of political science and security studies.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion
	[BNMU2_W14] Has in-depth knowledge of the nature of security studies, their place within the system of sciences, and research methodology.	Possesses knowledge based on basic and advanced content in the field of safety sciences based on the scope of social science methodology.	[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion [SW2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SW5] implementation of a problem task
	[BNMU2_W02] Has in-depth knowledge of legal regulations related to security, as well as of the state, power, politics, and public administration, with particular emphasis on special and border services and state security.	Knows the legal regulations related to internal security in detention in the broader context of political science and social sciences.	[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
Subject contents	<p>Theories in the social sciences and their relationship to the application of specific methods:</p> <p>a) Positivism b) Interpretationism c) Realism as well as: functionalism, institutionalism, evolutionism, etc.</p> <p>Basic research methods and techniques:</p> <p>quantitative qualitative (interview, content analysis, observation, etc.) application of specific research methods and techniques in research reports Application of specific methods and techniques in diploma theses</p>		
Prerequisites and co-requisites	No prerequisites		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	test	51.0%	70.0%
	Student activity	80.0%	30.0%

Recommended reading	Basic literature	. Babbie E., Badania społeczne w praktyce, Warszawa 2020. Jemielniak D., Badania jakościowe; Metody i narzędzia, t. 2, Warszawa 2012. Nocon J., Laska A., Teoria polityki; Wprowadzenie, Warszawa 2010. Ścibiorem Z., Zamiar Z., Teoretyczne i metodologiczne podstawy problemów z zakresu bezpieczeństwa; Podręcznik akademicki, Toruń 2016. Marsh D., Stoker G., Teorie i metody w naukach politycznych, Krakow 2006. Denzin N. K.; Lincoln Y. S., Metody badań jakościowych, t. 1,2; Warszawa 2009
	Supplementary literature	.
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Basic theoretical approaches in the social sciences The nature of quantitative research The nature of qualitative research Research reports	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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