

Subject card

Subject name and code	Sociological Foundations of Security (Lecture), PG_00205484						
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			3.0		
Learning profile	practical	Assessment form			credit		
Conducting unit	Division of Contemporary History and Political Thought -> Institute of Political Science -> Faculty of Social Sciences -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr hab. Jakub Potulski				
	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		2.0		43.0	75
Subject objectives	Security is a key element of social life. A specific level of security of individuals and entire communities is necessary for the proper functioning of society. The aim of the course is to introduce the problem of mutual relations between the social environment and security systems. The transformations of modern society and their impact on the safety of individuals and social groups will be analysed.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[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.		[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[BNMU2_K01] Is prepared to be active in the labour market in the area of security, is aware of the need to independently improve qualifications, collect and analyse information, critically assesses the knowledge possesses and acquires.		[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[BNMU2_W13] Has knowledge of risk management and decision-making mechanisms, understands the significance of the relationship between the media and the security sphere, as well as legal and ethical issues related to the protection of intellectual property and copyright.		[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
	[BNMU2_W10] Has knowledge of the activities of public institutions and structures operating for security.		[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
	[BNMU2_W03] Has in-depth knowledge of the interdisciplinary nature of social, cultural, historical, ethical, legal and economic determinants of security and knows the use of multidimensional approaches to knowledge in the field of security.		[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
	[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.		[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
[BNMU2_U14] Is able to search for and select sources, and knows the technological tools that support information retrieval, which are used for further personal development.		[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SU4] test/exam - oral or written	
Subject contents	<p>1. Security as a human need and right;2. Social change - trauma and anomie;3. The risk society and reflexive modernisation;4. The network society;5. Individual security and collective security;6. The state and security problems;7. Securitisation theory;8. Dimensions of security - analysis and basic concepts;9. Military security; 10. Economic security; 11. Social security; 12. Political security;13. Environmental security;14. The evolution of the modern state.</p>		
Prerequisites and co-requisites	Understanding of basic concepts of security theory and sociology		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
		0.0%	100.0%

Recommended reading	Basic literature	<p>Buzan, B., Waever, O., de Wilde, J. (1998) <i>Security: A New Framework for Analysis</i>, London: Lynne Rienner Publishing;</p> <p>Buzan, B., (1991) <i>People, States & Fear</i>, Harvester Wheatsheaf;</p> <p>Potulski, J., (2015) <i>Współczesne problemy badawcze w politologii</i>, Gdańsk: Wydawnictwo UG;</p> <p>Jaworowska, M., (2019) <i>Socjologia bezpieczeństwa. Wybrane problemy</i>, Toruń: Wydawnictwo Adam Marszałek.</p>
	Supplementary literature	<p>Beck, U. (2004) <i>Spółczesność ryzyka. W drodze do innej nowoczesności</i>, Warszawa: Wydawnictwo Naukowe Scholar;</p> <p>Beck, U. (2012) <i>Spółczesność światowego ryzyka. W poszukiwaniu utraconego bezpieczeństwa</i>, Warszawa: Wydawnictwo Naukowe Scholar;</p>
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed		
Work placement	Not applicable	

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