University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Problems of contemporary migration, PG_00174189						
Field of study	Sociology						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2027		Academic year of realisation of subject	2027/2028			
Education level	Bachelor'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	2.0			
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form	credit			
Conducting unit	Division of Social Anthropology -> Institute of Sociology -> Faculty of Social Sciences -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Magdalena Brzezińska				
	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		0.0		20.0	50
Subject objectives	Acquiring knowledge about contemporary migration issues from the theoretical and methodological perspectives of sociology, and developing skills for critically analyzing complex social phenomena.						

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[SOCL3_K03] The graduate is ready to participate in the preparation of social projects taking into account relevant legal, economic and political aspects	The student knows and understands the relationship between micro and macro, national and international social structures and institutions in the field of contemporary human migrations.	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
[SOCL3_U12] The graduate is ready to lifelong learning	The student is prepared to acquire up-to-date and multi-dimensional knowledge on problems of migration, going beyond the simplistic discourses on this topic prevailing in society at a given time.	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
[SOCL3_U08] The graduate is able to analyse current social phenomena in the context of knowledge about the mechanisms of human activity, the impact of a group on an individual and the processes of change that Polish society, European society and that of the world undergoes	The student is ready to participate in the preparation of projects related to migration policy or the integration of refugees and migrants.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
[SOCL3_U03] The graduate is able to analyse the causes and course of social processes and phenomena	He/she can analyse the complex causes - economic, political, social, historical, existential - and the course of migration processes.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
[SOCL3_U02] The graduate is able to use theoretical knowledge from different streams of sociology and acquire data to analyse specific social processes and phenomena	A student is able to apply theoretical knowledge from the fields of sociology and social and cultural anthropology, and gather data to analyze migration processes and associated social phenomena. These include the impact of globalization and global political economy on migration aspirations, the reinforcement of national borders, and the inclusion and exclusion of migrants.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
[SOCL3_W03] The graduate knows and understands in an advanced way the relationships between the relationship between micro and macro social structures and institutions, on a national and international scale in the fields of private life, work, politics, civil society, etc	A student understands and comprehends the relationships on a national and international scale within the field of contemporary human migrations.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written

Subject contents

1. 1. History of migration (18th21st century)
   2. Definitions of migration and migrants. Causes of contemporary migration.
   3. Migration in international statistics
   4. Contemporary migration in the light of migration theory
   5. Migrants and minorities in the labour market
   6. Migrants' access to healthcare, education and citizenship
   7. Migration and international security
   8. Social attitudes towards migrants and minorities
   9. Challenges facing contemporary societies in relation to migration

Prerequisites and co-requisites

the basic knowledge of sociology and migration phenomenon

Assessment methods and criteria

Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
exam	51.0%	100.0%

Recommended reading

Basic literature

- CASTLES, Stephen i MILLER, Mark. *Migracje we współczesnym świecie,* przekł. A. Gasior-Niemiec. Warszawa: Państwowe Wydawnictwo Naukowe PWN, 2011.
- DOMAŃSKI Tomasz (red.), Migracje. Ujęcie interdyscyplinarne, Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Łódzkiego, 2018.
- LESIŃSKA Magdalena, OKÓLSKI Marek (red.), 30 wykładów o migracjach, Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Warszawskiego, 2025.

Supplementary literature

1. Gaia Vince, Stulecie Nomadów. Jak współczesne wędrówki ludów zmienią świat, Wydawnictwo Krytyki Politycznej, 2024.
2. Glick Schiller, Nina & Noel B. Salazar. Regimes of Mobility Across the Globe. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 2013, 39(2): 183200. doi: 10.1080/1369183X.2013.723253.
3. GRAW, Knut & Samuli SCHIELKE (red.). *The Global Horizon: Expectations of Migrations in Africa and the Middle East*, Leuven: Univ. Press, 2012.

eResources addresses

Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Conceptual confusion surrounding climate migration. What are the main causes of migration in the modern world?
Work placement	Not applicable

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