University of Gdańsk

Subject card

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| Subject name and code | Microstructures and group processes - auditorium classes, PG_00176576 | | | | | | |
| 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<br>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 | | | | | | | |
| Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers) | Subject supervisor | | dr Magdalena Herzberg-Kurasz | | | | |
| | 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 | | 0.0 | | 45.0 | 75 |
| Subject objectives | The purpose of the class is to acquire new knowledge about group structures and processes, social interaction and the sociology of the individual, as well as to acquire the ability to perform a monographic study of a small social group and the basics of interaction analysis | | | | | | |

## Learning outcomes

| Course outcome | Subject outcome | Method of verification |
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| [SOCL3_W02] The graduate has advanced knowledge about different types of social structures and institutions such as the state, nation, classes and social strata, ethnic group, local community, social group, family, political party, enterprise, she/he knows the differences in the functioning principles of social, public and commercial organisations | The student has advanced knowledge of different types of small social structures and institutions such as ethnic group, local community, social group, family, political party, enterprise, knows the differences in the principles of small and large social, public and commercial organizations. | [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion |
| [SOCL3_W04] The graduate knows and understands in an advanced way the types of informal and formal social bonds that arise in different types of groups, social networks and societies, and with the regularities governing their change. | A Student knows and understands in an advanced way the types of informal and formalized social ties formed in different types of small groups, social networks and societies and the regularities governing their change. | [SW4] test/exam - oral or written<br>[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion |
| [SOCL3_U09] The graduate will be able to prepare a written work in the field of sociology in Polish and English while observing the formal rules of a scientific text, using basic theoretical approaches and various sources of knowledge about society | The student is able to prepare a written work in the field of microsociology in Polish and English with observance of the formal rules of a scientific text, using basic theoretical approaches and various sources of knowledge about society. | [SU2] presentation/project/paper/ report<br>[SU5] implementation of a problem task |
| [SOCL3_W05] The graduate has advanced knowledge of man as a subject constituting social structures and the rules of their functioning, as well as acting in these structures and participating in cultural practices in the local, regional environment, the area of national culture and global exchange | The student has advanced knowledge of the human being as an entity that constitutes social structures (small social structures), the principles of their functioning, as well as acting in these structures and participating in cultural practices in the local environment, regional environment, the area of national culture and global exchange. | [SW4] test/exam - oral or written<br>[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion |
| [SOCL3_U10] The graduate will be able to prepare and deliver an oral speech in Polish and English on a selected issue in the field of sociology using basic theoretical approaches and various sources of knowledge about society | The student is able to prepare and deliver an oral presentation in Polish and English on a selected issue in the field of microsociology using basic theoretical approaches and various sources of knowledge about society. | [SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion<br>[SU2] presentation/project/paper/ report<br>[SU4] test/exam - oral or written<br>[SU6] demonstration of practical skills<br>[SU8] observation of student's independent or team work |
| [SOCL3_K01] The graduate is ready to appropriately determine priorities in the implementation of a specific task | The student is able to determine priorities in the implementation of a specific project task within his/ her team in the implementation of a small group study | [SK2] presentation/project/paper/ report<br>[SK6] demonstration of practical skills<br>[SK8] observation of student's independent or team work |

## Subject contents

1. Sources of microsociology in classical sociological theories2. Definitions and typologies of social groups 3. Sociometric structure of the group4. Changes in group coherence and their consequences5. Communication in a small group6. Leadership in a small group7. Exchange relations and exchange networks7. Issues of social action and interaction8. Personal and social identity and work and leisure activities9. The cultural process of individualization and its consequences for social ties10. Life problems of individuals as social problems, emotions and quality of life as an object of interest in sociology11. Research in small groups in the network12. Researcher in the field - challenges and dilemmas

## Prerequisites and co-requisites

Understanding of the concepts: group, interaction, personality, process of socialization, knowledge of basic methods of sociological research. Ability to work with scientific literature, prepare a multimedia presentation and apply basic formal rules of writing a scientific text in the field of sociology.

## Assessment methods and criteria

| Subject passing criteria | Passing threshold | Percentage of the final grade |
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| Self-work: project and presentationKliknij, aby zastosować alternatywę | 51.0% | 100.0% |

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| Recommended reading | Basic literature | Literature required for final credit of the class (passing the exam):Used during the class:<br><br>M. Angrosino. 2010. Ethnographic and observational research, Warsaw: PWN.E.<br><br>Goffman. 2011. Relations in public space. Micro-studies of public policy, Warsaw: PWN.<br><br>E. Goffman. 2012. Behavior in public places. On the social organization of gatherings. Warsaw: PWN.M.<br><br>Jacyno. 2007. Culture of individualism, Warsaw<br><br>R. Kossakowski, D. Antonowicz, T. Szlendak. 2012. Suffocating smoke of fired flares. On challenges in the ethnography of the subculture of football fans, "Review of Qualitative Sociology", 8(3).<br><br>M. Marody. 2014 The individual in postmodernity. Perspektywa socjologiczna, Warsaw: Wydawnictwo Scholar.<br><br>J. Szmatka. 2007. Small social structures. An introduction to structural microsociology. Warsaw: PWN.<br><br>J. Szmatka. 1983. Attempt of structuralist conception of small social group, "Sociological Studies" 2.<br><br>P. Sztompka. 2002. Sociology. Analysis of society, Cracow: Znak Publishing House.<br><br>J. H. Turner, J. E. Stets. 2009. Sociology of emotions, Warsaw: PWN.<br><br>J. Turowski. 2001. Sociology. Small social structures, Lublin: Wydawnictwo KUL. |
| | Supplementary literature | Studied independently by the Student(s) D. Buss. 2003. Evolutionary psychology. Gdansk: GWP.E. Goffman. 2011. Total institutions. Gdańsk: GWP.R. Collins. 2011. Chains of interactional rituals. Nomos, KrakówK. Konecki, A. Kacperczyk (eds.) 2010. Identity processes. Łódź: Wyd. UŁ |
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| Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed | Small, large, formal, informal groupsFactors generating sociometric structureGroup cohesiveness and interpersonal attractiveness | |
| Work placement | Not applicable | |

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