University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Microstructures and group processes - lecture, PG_00176577						
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	2		ECTS credits	2.0			
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form	exam			
Conducting unit	Division of Sociological Theory and Social Research Methodology -> Institute of Sociology -> Faculty of Social Sciences -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr hab. Dorota Rancew-Sikora, prof. UG				
	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	The classes aim to acquire new knowledge about group structures and processes, social interaction, and the sociology of the individual. Students also aim to acquire the ability to perform a monographic study of a small social group and learn the basics of interaction analysis.						

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[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 various types of social structures and institutions, such as ethnic groups, local communities, and social groups, and is aware of the differences in the functioning of social organizations.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[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 can prepare a written sociology work in Polish, using basic theoretical approaches and various sources of knowledge about microstructures.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
[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.	The student understands the informal and formal social ties that arise in various groups and social networks and can explain the regularities that govern their changes.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[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 understands human beings as entities constituting small social structures and networks and the principles of their functioning. They know how people act in these structures and participate in cultural practices in small groups.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[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 can prepare and deliver an oral presentation in Polish on the functioning of small groups and individuals in society.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU4] test/exam - oral or written

Subject contents

1. Theoretical and methodological perspectives on studying small social structures and processes.
2. Biological basis of group life.

3. Small social group: definitional features, basic group structures: sociometric, communication, leadership
4. Group formation and dynamics of changes in group cohesion, types of groups according to structure features

5. Culture of a small social group, images of social groups and intergroup conflict
6. Social exchange - transaction, relationship, network of exchanges.
7. Basics of the theory of social action. Issues of social interaction from the perspective of symbolic interactionism, dramaturgical approach, ethnomethodology, conversational analysis and interactional rituals.

8. Identity processes and the sociology of the individual.
9. Issues of well-being and quality of life.

Prerequisites and co-requisites

Promotion to the second semester of studies.In order to pass the lecture, the student must first pass the classes.

Assessment methods and criteria

Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
final exam	51.0%	90.0%
active participation in lectures	70.0%	10.0%

Recommended reading

Basic literature

1. D. Buss. 2019. Evolutionary Psychology. The New Science of the Mind. Taylor & Francis.
2. R. Collins. 2005. Interaction Ritual Chains. Princeton Univ. Press.
3. E. Goffman. 1959. The Presentation of Self in Everyday Life. Doubleday: Garden City, New York.
4. E. Goffman. 1967. Interaction Ritual. Pantheon: New York.
5. H. Turner, J. E. Stets. 2005. The Sociology of Emotions. Cambridge Univ. Press.

Supplementary literature

A. Giddens. 2021. Sociology. Polity Press.

J. Sidnell. 2010. Conversation analysis. Wiley-Blackwell.

	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Types of group structures Differences between a group and a social network Changes in group cohesion and their effects The process of individualization and its consequences for individuals	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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