University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	The sociology of law in democracy - lecture, PG_00176602		
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. Michał Kaczmarczyk	
	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 goal of the course "Sociology of Law in Democracy" is to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the interplay between legal systems and democratic societies. Students will explore how laws shape and are shaped by social structures, behaviors, and institutions. The course aims to develop critical thinking skills, enabling students to analyze the role of law in protecting rights, promoting justice, and addressing social inequalities.

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[SOCL3_W07] The graduate has an advanced knowledge about the ethical and moral norms of social life as well as legal and organisational norms regulating social life, is familiar with the processes of their introduction and changes	Understanding the Role of Law in Protecting Rights: The student understands the role of law in protecting human rights and ensuring justice in democratic societies, and can critically assess the effectiveness of legal frameworks.	[SW4] 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	Knowledge of Legal Theories and Concepts: The student has a comprehensive understanding of key legal theories and concepts, particularly those relevant to democratic societies.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[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	Critical Analysis of Legal Systems: The student can critically analyze different legal systems, comparing their structures, functions, and impacts within democratic contexts.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[SOCL3_W10] The graduate knows and understands concepts and principles of industrial property protection and copyright law	Analysis of Law and Social Inequality: The student can analyze how laws and legal systems contribute to or mitigate social inequalities, focusing on issues such as race, gender, and class.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[SOCL3_W01] The graduate has advanced knowledge about the nature of social sciences, their place in the system of sciences and relations to other sciences and common knowledge, he/she can determine the specificity of sociology as a science in relation to its history, functions, subject and tasks, he/she can distinguish thematic areas of sociology common with other disciplines of social sciences and he/she knows different theoretical and methodological approaches in sociology	Examination of Legal Processes and Institutions: The student examines the roles, functions, and interactions of legal processes and institutions within democratic societies.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[SOCL3_U01] The graduate is able to interpret social phenomena using sociological concepts and sociological imagination	Application of Sociological Theories to Legal Issues: The student can apply sociological theories to understand and address legal issues, highlighting the role of law in social change and stability.	[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	Communication of Legal and Sociological Knowledge: The student can effectively communicate complex legal and sociological concepts in both written and oral forms, suitable for academic and professional audiences.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[SOCL3_U03] The graduate is able to analyse the causes and course of social processes and phenomena	Evaluation of Legal Reforms: The student can evaluate the impact of legal reforms on society, considering both intended and unintended consequences.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written

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<tr><td>Subject contents</td><td>The Concept of Law

Pre-State Law and State Law

Functions of Law

Legitimization of Law

Emergence and Functions of the State

Law and Ideology

Social Action of Law

Quantity and Quality of Legal Control

Sociological Theories of Crime

Sociology of Civil Law

Models of Democracy

Civil Disobedience and Conscientious Objection

The Role of the Judge

The Future of Law and Democracy</td></tr>
<tr><td>Prerequisites and co-requisites</td><td>Promotion to the second semester of studies.In order to pass the lecture, the student must first pass the classes.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Assessment methods and criteria</td><td><table><tr><th>Subject passing criteria</th><th>Passing threshold</th><th>Percentage of the final grade</th></tr><tr><td>Test exam</td><td>51.0%</td><td>100.0%</td></tr></table></td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="3">Recommended reading</td><td>Basic literature</td><td>Cotterell, Roger. The Sociology of Law: An Introduction, Oxford University Press 1992..</td></tr>
<tr><td>Supplementary literature</td><td>Kaczmarczyk Michał, Nieposłuszeństwo obywatelskie a pojęcie prawa, Oficyna Naukowa 2010.

Kaczmarczyk Michał, Wstęp do socjologicznej teorii własności, Oficyna Naukowa 2006.

Winczorek Jan, Dostęp do prawa, Scholar 2020.</td></tr>
<tr><td>eResources addresses</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed</td><td>Provide the systems for calculating the number of seats in the Sejm elections

List the criteria for civil disobedience

List the functions of law

List the factors of the effectiveness of law</td></tr>
<tr><td>Work placement</td><td>Not applicable</td></tr>
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