University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Social Gerontology, PG_00176637						
Field of study	Sociology						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2027		Academic year of realisation of subject	2028/2029			
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	2		Language of instruction	Polish			
Semester of study	4		ECTS credits	1.0			
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form	credit			
Conducting unit	Division of Sociology of Sport and Health -> Institute of Sociology -> Faculty of Social Sciences -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr hab. Piotr Czekanowski, prof. UG				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	15.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15
	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	15		0.0		10.0	25
Subject objectives	The aim of the course is to familiarize students with the basics of knowledge in the field of interdisciplinary science, which is social gerontology due to the dynamically progressing process of population aging. Getting to know the curriculum content is to make it easier for students to understand issues related to the functioning of the elderly community itself, as well as issues related to this community in a broader context.						

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[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	[SOCL3_W05] Thanks to the study of gerontology, he/she has advanced knowledge about the elderly person as an entity constituting social structures, the principles of their functioning, as well as acting in these structures and participating in cultural practices in the local, regional, national culture and global exchange area.	[SW4] 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.	[SOCL3_W04] Knows and understands in an advanced way the types of informal and formalized social bonds arising in various types of groups, social networks and societies, especially in those that are often largely co-created by older people (taking into account intergenerational relations), as well as the regularities governing their change.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[SOCL3_W08] The graduate knows and understands in an advanced way the character and directions of the most significant changes in the scope of social structures and institutions and their elements, he/she has knowledge about the causes, course and consequences of these changes on a micro- and macro-social scale and on a global scale	[SOCL3_W08] Knows and understands at an advanced level the nature and directions of the most important changes in the field of social structures and institutions and their elements, which currently result from the very intensive aging process of modern societies. He/she has knowledge of the causes, course and consequences of these changes on a micro and macro-social scale and on a global scale in this type of societies.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[SOCL3_U01] The graduate is able to interpret social phenomena using sociological concepts and sociological imagination	[SOCL3_U01] Can interpret social phenomena that occur in the oldest generations using concepts from the field of general sociology, sociology of old age and sociological imagination.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
[SOCL3_U06] The graduate is able to use the acquired sociological knowledge to resolve dilemmas arising in professional work	[SOCL3_U06] He/she is able to use the acquired sociological knowledge relating to people in the so-called third age to solve dilemmas that arise in professional work, in which we are increasingly dealing with the elderly.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written

Subject contents

1. A detailed discussion of the content of the syllabus.

2. Demographic situation in Poland and in selected countries of the world. Gerontology - geriatrics - social gerontology - sociology of old age - semantic relations. Polish Society of Gerontology. Pomeranian Voivodeship Council of Seniors.

3. Research on the elderly methodological issues.

4. Ageing as an individualised and multifaceted process: selected definitions of age and theories of ageing. Patterns (courses) of aging and old age: successful, usual and impaired aging.

5. Changes relating to the place and role of the elderly in the family and society. (including intergenerational relations, peer contacts, subculture of the elderly, Universities of the Third Age).

6. Family help.

7. Non-family help. Social assistance and the elderly. Gerontological social work.

8. The issue of dying and death (attitudes towards death, institutionalization of death, principles and forms of hospice and palliative care, mourning, euthanasia).

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<tr><td>Prerequisites and co-requisites</td><td colspan="2">Entry Requirements: completed the third semester of study.

Additional requirements: basic knowledge of human communities and social bonds.</td></tr>
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<tr><td rowspan="3">Recommended reading</td><td>Basic literature</td><td>Błędowski P., Grodzicki T., Mossakowska M., Zdrojewski T. (red. nauk.) [Eds.], 2021, PolSenior 2. Badanie poszczególnych obszarów stanu zdrowia osób starszych, w tym jakości życia związanej ze zdrowiem [Study of individual areas of health status of the elderly, including health-related quality of life], Gdański Uniwersytet Medyczny, Gdańsk.

Czekanowski P., 2012, Społeczne aspekty starzenia się ludności w Polsce. Perspektywa socjologii starości [Social aspects of population ageing in Poland. The perspective of the sociology of old age], Wydawnictwo UG, Gdańsk.

Szatur-Jaworska B, Błędowski P., Dzięgielewska M., 2006, Podstawy gerontologii społecznej [Fundamentals of social gerontology], ASPRA-JR, Warszawa.

Woźniak Z., 2016, Starość. Bilans zadanie wyzwanie [Old age. Balance task challenge], Wyd. Nauk. WNS, UAM, Poznań.

Zych A. A. (red. nauk.) [Ed.}, Encyklopedia starości, starzenia się i niepełnosprawności [Encyclopedia of Old Age, Ageing and Disability], tomy 1-5, Thesaurus Silesiae, Katowice,2017.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Supplementary literature</td><td>Czekanowski P., Report on the Research on Old Age in Poland (scientific and research report published as part of the international Project "Global Ageing Research Partnership", NAWA, 2021: http://garp.upjp2.edu.pl/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/GARP_Report_Poland.pdf.

Fabiś A., Wawrzyniak J. K., Chabior A., Ludzka starość. Wybrane zagadnienia gerontologii społecznej (Human old age. Selected issues of social gerontology), Impuls, Kraków, 2015.

Gerontologia Polska [Polish Gerontology] - quarterly of the Polish Society of Gerontology.

Łuszczyńska M. (Ed.), Researching Ageing. Methodological Challenges and their Empirical Background, Routledge, London and New York, 2020, [series: Routledge Advances in Research Methods].

Rancew-Sikora D., Obracht-Prondzyński C., Kaczmarczyk M., Czekanowski P. (red.), O społecznym znaczeniu tożsamości, miejsca i czasu życia. Szkice socjologiczne i gerontologiczne. Księga dedykowana prof. Brunonowi Synakowi (On the social meaning of identity, place and time of life. Sociological and gerontological sketches. A book dedicated to Prof. Brunon Synak), Zrzeszenie Kaszubsko-Pomorskie, Gdańsk, 2013.</td></tr>
<tr><td>eResources addresses</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed</td><td colspan="2"></td></tr>
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