University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	The sociology of travel, PG_00176680		
Field of study	Sociology		
Date of commencement of studies	October 2027	Academic year of realisation of subject	2029/2030
Education level	Bachelor's studies	Subject group	Obligatory subject group in the field of study Optional subject group 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	3	Language of instruction	Polish
Semester of study	5	ECTS credits	1.0
Learning profile	academic	Assessment form	credit
Conducting unit	Institute of Sociology -> Faculty of Social Sciences -> Rector		
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor	dr Agata Bachórz	
	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 highlight the significant role of spatial mobilities in the contemporary world and the sociological potential of travel practices. This includes familiarizing students with major theoretical concepts from sociology and anthropology of travel and tourism. The course also addresses the ethical aspects of travel and modern tourism, along with the practical implications of sociological diagnoses in this field.

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[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	The student knows how tourism models have changed over time and understands them in the context of general social processes on both macro and micro scales.	[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 has knowledge about leisure mobility, its social determinants, and its structuring role. The student understands the power dynamics inherent in contemporary tourism.	[SW4] 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	The student is able to use knowledge on the sociology of travel to analyze specific issues in tourist destinations and to prepare local public policies.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
[SOCL3_U07] The graduate is able to analyse proposed solutions to a specific problem in sociology and decide on appropriate solutions	Can compare the meanings of contemporary mobility practices from the perspective of various participants in tourism relationships.	[SU4] 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 can conduct basic analyses of the impact of tourism practices on local communities.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
[SOCL3_K04] The graduate is ready to supplement and refine the acquired knowledge and skills	The student is ready to use data sources on contemporary tourism and its impact on communities they has learned about to solve practical problems.	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written

Subject contents

1. Motivations of tourists and the significance of travel
2. Mapping practices: how people travel and how it is changing
3. Intercultural contacts in travel
4. Economic, environmental, and social results of tourism: impact of tourist mobility
5. Touristic representations and self-representations
6. Power relations and inequalities in tourism
7. Sustainable tourism and travel in times of crisis

Prerequisites and co-requisites

Basic knowledge in the fields of sociology of culture and cultural anthropology.

Assessment methods and criteria

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

Recommended reading

Basic literature	1. Bloch N., Encounters across Difference. Tourism and Overcoming Subalternity in India, Lexington Books 2021 (excerpts) 2. Horolets A., Konformizm, bunt, nostalgia. Turystyka niszowa z Polski do krajów b. ZSRR [Conformity, rebellion, nostalgia. Niche tourism from Poland to the former Soviet Union], Kraków 2013 (excerpts) 3. MacCannel D., The Tourist: A New Theory of the Leisure Class, different editions 4. Podemski K., Socjologia podróży [Sociology of Travel], Poznań 2005 (excerpts) 5. Urry J., The Tourist Gaze: Leisure and Travel in Contemporary Societies, Sage Publications 1990
Supplementary literature	1. Urry J., Mobilities, Polity Press 2007 2. Wieczorkiewicz A., Apetyt turysty. O doświadczaniu świata w podróży ["The Tourist's Appetite: Experiencing the World Through Travel"], Kraków 2008

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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed		
Work placement	Not applicable	

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