University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Sociology of body, PG_00176679		
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	Division of the Sociology of Everyday Life -> Institute of Sociology -> Faculty of Social Sciences -> Rector		
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor	dr Magdalena Gajewska	
	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

To provide the student with knowledge of the theoretical ways of analyzing social life that emerged with the constitution of paradigms in the sociology of the body. They include: -the constitution of the social relation to corporeality; -the ontological and epistemic assumptions of social theories and religions that relate to the body; -the bodily styles that characterize the various sociological schools; -the influence of social events on the formation of approaches to corporeality;

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[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 prepares the basics of the research project in the team, which he will implement in the exercises. Research focused on the analysis of a selected bodily practice.	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/ report
[SOCL3_U07] The graduate is able to analyse proposed solutions to a specific problem in sociology and decide on appropriate solutions	Through the examples given, the student is able to recognize the differences in paradigms and methodologies used. It also dissects issues in the sociology of the body involved and critical sociology.	[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	The student is able to select research methods that allow him to ethically study embodiment and intimate bodily practices.	[SU5] implementation of a problem task
[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	The student recognizes the relationship between morality and the body. Provides examples of research from Polish and world sociology and anthropology.	[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 studens has knowledge allowing to analyze the influence of religious values and practices in shaping practices toward the body. Recognizes the impact of cultural and economic values that shape the body and influence health-related inequalities.	[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
[SOCL3_K06] The student is able to properly perform professional roles by understanding and applying the principles of professional ethics.		

Subject contents

A. Problems of the lecture1 Sociology of the body - history of the sub-discipline.2. The body in philosophical, anthropological and social reflection - the main issues.3. The physical body versus the social body.4. The body as an element of identity.5. The body as an object of social control.6. the body as capital.7. (In)presence of the body in culture.B. Problems of the conversation1.The ludic body. Ritualization of the body.2.The body in the field of science, ritual and spectacle. Body themes and rhemes in sports.3.Is the body nature? From Descartes to Latour.4.Metaphors of the body. The body as a project of practice. (Childhood,Maternity, Maternity, Old age).5.The body. Identity. Stigma in postmodernity. (Disability, Scarring, The phenomenon of self-harm and gender identity).6.Bio-power. Normativity of the body and sociology of medicine. The intimate and public body. The hospitalized body.7.Jedzenie, hygiene, clothing - customs Polish society.8.The body in the system of interaction. Body language

Prerequisites and co-requisites

Successful selection of the Anthropology and Sociology of Culture specialization

Advancement to the fifth 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
exam	60.0%	50.0%
research project	60.0%	50.0%

Recommended reading	Basic literature	A. Literature required to pass the class: Bourdieu P., Male Dominance, transl. Lucyna Kopciewicz, Oficyna naukowa, Warsaw 2004, ch. 1 and 2. Goffman E., Stigma. Reflections on wounded identity, transl. Aleksandra Dzierżyńska, Joanna Tokarska Bakir, Gdańskie Wydawnictwo Psychologiczne, Gdańsk 2005. Jakubowska H. Sociology of the body. Wydawnictwo Naukowe UAM, Poznań 2009. Łaciak B., Obyczajowość polska czasu transformacji, czyli wojna postu z karnawał, Trio, Warsaw 2005. ch.1 and ch.3. Mauss M., O technikach posługania się ciał w: Anthropology of Spectacles, Warsaw 2005. Shilling Ch., Sociology of the Body, transl. M. Skowrońska, Wydawnictwo Naukowe PWN, Warsaw 2010.
	Supplementary literature	A2. Literature studied independently by the student_ Agrawal P., Discovering Motherhood. Pregnancy, Childbirth, Postpartum and Newborn Care. In harmony with Nature. Wrocław 2008. Arcimowicz K., The male body in contemporary culture in: Corpus delicti, the delightful body, Sketches not only from the sociology of the body, p.122-145 Bakhtin M., Images of the material-body pit in Rabelais' novel, in Anthropology of the body..., op.cit. p.17-27. Bourdieu P. The forms of capital. [in] Richardson J.G. (ed.) Handbook of Theory and Research for the Sociology of Education. Greenwood Press.
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	To carry out a research project based on qualitative methods that will address the issue of social reception of corporeality.	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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