University of Gdańsk

Subject card

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| Subject name and code | The sociology of secrecy, PG_00176701 | | | | | | |
| 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<br>Optional subject group<br>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 | | | | | | | |
| Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers) | Subject supervisor | | dr hab. Daniel Wicenty | | | | |
| | Teachers | | | | | | |
| Lesson types | Lesson type | Lecture | Tutorial | Laboratory | Project | Seminar | SUM |
| | Number of study hours | 0.0 | 20.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 20 |
| | 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 | 20 | | 0.0 | | 5.0 | 25 |
| Subject objectives | Sensitizing students with hiding, disclosing, manipulation and lying as a crucial social phenomena. Sensitizing students with formal/informal apsects of social life. Deepening the sociological imagination. Deepening analytical skills. Sensitizing students with the information credibility and thw ways of veryfying it | | | | | | |

## Learning outcomes

| Course outcome | Subject outcome | Method of verification |
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| [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 graduate has in-depth knowledge and understanding of different types of informal and formal social bonds formed in different types of groups, social networks and societies, and the regularities governing their change. | [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion<br>[SW3] text preparation/written work |
| [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 has advanced knowledge of ethical and moral norms of social life, with particular emphasis on secret organizations and covert groups. | [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion<br>[SW5] implementation of a problem task |
| [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 covert structures and institutions. | [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion<br>[SW3] text preparation/written work<br>[SW5] implementation of a problem task |
| [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 advanced knowledge of the human being as a subject constituting social structures, the principles of their functioning, and acting within these structures. | [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion<br>[SW3] text preparation/written work |
| [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 graduate is able to use theoretical knowledge from different streams of sociology and acquire data to analyse specific social processes and phenomena related to covert organizations. | [SU3] text preparation/written work |
| [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 is able to analyze current social phenomena in the context of knowledge about the mechanisms of secret organizations and situations of secrecy. | [SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion<br>[SU3] text preparation/written work |
| [SOCL3_U12] The graduate is ready to lifelong learning | The graduate is prepared to lifelong learning. | [SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion<br>[SK8] observation of student's independent or team work |

## Subject contents

An analysis of a given phenomena discussed in the lecture part of the subject (including conspiracy theories, serecy in everyday life, secrecy as a organizational feature, micro case studies, ad hoc analyses)

## Prerequisites and co-requisites

Succesful choice of specialty Sociology in action.Basic sociological knowledge on interactions, groups and organizations.

## Assessment methods and criteria

| Subject passing criteria | Passing threshold | Percentage of the final grade |
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| grade fir the writte work | 50.0% | 100.0% |

## Recommended reading

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| Basic literature | G.T. Marx, *Notes On The Discovery, Collection, And Assessment of Hidden and Dirty Data,* in J. Schneider, J. Kitsuse, eds., *Studies in the Sociology of Social Problems*; free accces here: https://web.mit.edu/gtmarx/www/dirty.html |
| Supplementary literature | Gary T. Marx texts' on secrecy, surveilllance - free access here https://web.mit.edu/gtmarx/www/garyhome.html#online<br><br>Secrecy and Society: free access texts of the journal here: https://scholarworks.sjsu.edu/secrecyandsociety/ |

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| Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed | sociological study on a given fraud | |
| Work placement | Not applicable | |

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