University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Contemporary Social Problems, PG_00186876						
Field of study	Sociology						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2027		Academic year of realisation of subject	2028/2029			
Education level	Master'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	3		ECTS credits	3.0			
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form	exam			
Conducting unit							
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		prof. dr hab. Cezary Obracht-Prondzyński				
	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		4.0		41.0	75
Subject objectives	The aim of the subject is to develop skills in the sociological interpretation of processes taking place in the modern world. Shaping the understanding of the issues of universalism and particularism of forms of collective life of people, the ability to analyze phenomena in a global dimension and their mutual connections. Drawing attention to the practical importance of knowledge about the modern world						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[SOCMU2_W03] The graduate has in-depth knowledge of the relationship between micro- and macro-, national- and international social structures and institutions in different cultural contexts in the fields of private life, work, politics, civil society, etc	The student has in-depth knowledge of the relationships between micro and macro social structures and institutions, both nationally and internationally, in the context of the most significant contemporary challenges.	[SW5] implementation of a problem task
	[SOCMU2_W04] 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	The graduate has in-depth knowledge and understanding of different types of informal and formal social bonds formed in global society.	[SW5] implementation of a problem task
	[SOCMU2_W08] The graduate has in-depth knowledge and understanding of multidirectional changes in the range of various social structures and institutions and their elements, has knowledge about the causes, course and consequences of these changes in the micro- and macrosocial scale and in the global scale	The graduate has in-depth knowledge and understanding of multidirectional changes in the range of various social structures and institutions and their elements, has knowledge about the causes, course and consequences of these changes in the micro- and macrosocial scale and in the global scale.	[SW5] implementation of a problem task
	[SOCMU2_W01] The graduate has in-depth knowledge of social sciences their place in the system of sciences and relations to other sciences and common knowledge, he/she can determine specificity of sociology as a science in relation to its history, functions, subject matter and tasks, he/she can distinguish thematic areas of sociology common with other disciplines of social sciences and knows various theoretical and methodological approaches in sociology, he/she is prepared to undertake interdisciplinary cooperation in the field of social sciences and cooperation with various social institutions	The student has in-depth knowledge of social sciences, their place in the system of sciences, and their relationship to other sciences and common knowledge. The student defines the specificity of sociology as a science in relation to the tools used by this discipline to analyze contemporary issues and the challenges they present.	[SW5] implementation of a problem task
	[SOCMU2_W09] The graduate has in-depth knowledge and understanding of various views on social life, and selected social structures and institutions expressed in the everyday world, public and scientific discourse, knows the directions of their historical evolution and the dynamics and consequences of conflicts on this background	The student has an in-depth understanding of various perspectives on social life and selected social structures and institutions, as expressed in everyday life, public discourse, and scientific discourse, in relation to contemporary world issues.	[SW5] implementation of a problem task
	[SOCMU2_U10] The graduate is able to prepare and deliver an oral presentation in Polish and English on a chosen issue in the field of sociology making good use of a chosen theoretical perspective and research methods, and drawing on the achievements of other disciplines in the field of social sciences	Potrafi przygotować i wygłosić wystąpienie będące sprawozdaniem z realizacji zadania problemowego.	[SU5] implementation of a problem task
	[SOCMU2_U01] The graduate is able to interpret social phenomena and relations between them using sociological concepts and sociological imagination	The graduate is able to interpret social phenomena and relations between them using sociological concepts and sociological imagination.	[SU5] implementation of a problem task

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<tr><td>Subject contents</td><td colspan="2">1. Global revolutions - local effects, or some basic challenges of the future (introductory lecture)
2. The environment we live in global threats and ecological risks
3. (De)globalization?
4. Demographic problems of the modern world
5. Homo vagans, or migrations as a challenge of the modern world.
6. Human life in technopolis
7. The planet of cities, or if mayors ruled...
8. Tell me: what, how, how much and with whom you consume, and I will tell you what the world will be like...
9. What is happening between people and with people?
10. Cultural problems
11. Towards a new political order?</td></tr>
<tr><td>Prerequisites and co-requisites</td><td colspan="2">Holding a bachelor's degree.
General knowledge of the modern world.</td></tr>
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<tr><td rowspan="3">Recommended reading</td><td>Basic literature</td><td>1. Smil V., Liczby nie kłamią. 71 rzeczy, które trzeba wiedzieć o świecie, Kraków 2022
2. Wieviorka M., Demokracja jako sztuka walki, Warszawa 2022
3. Guillèn M. F., 2030. Jak ścieranie się najwyraźniejszych dzisiejszych trendów przekształci przyszłość wszystkiego, Warszawa 2021
4. Balcer A., Wóycicki K., Polska na globalnej szachownicy, Warszawa 2014
5. Barllett J., Ludzie przeciw technologii. Jak internet zabija demokrację (i jak ją możemy ocalić), Katowice 2019
6. Hatalska N., Wiek paradoksów. Czy technologia nas ocali?, Kraków 2021</td></tr>
<tr><td>Supplementary literature</td><td>1. Brynjolfsson E., McAfee A., Drugi wiek maszyny. Praca, postęp i dobrobyt w czasach genialnych technologii, Warszawa 2015
2. Burszta W., Antropologia kultury, Poznań 1998 (rozdz. 8: Globalizacja i nowa lokalność)
3. Castells M., Koniec tysiąclecia, Warszawa 2009
4. Castells M., Siła tożsamości, Warszawa 2008
5. Castells M., Społeczeństwo sieci, Warszawa 2007
6. Connell R., Teoria z globalnego Południa, Kraków 2018
7. 25 wykładów o migracjach, red. M. Okólski, Warszawa 2018
8. Eisman A., Odliczanie. Ostatnia nadzieja na przyszłość naszej planety?, Katowice 2014
9. Fry H., Hello world. Jak być człowiekiem w epoce maszyn, Kraków 2019
10. Golka M., Cywilizacja współczesna i globalne problemy, Warszawa 2012
11. Juddery M., Coraz lepiej. Dlaczego świat nie schodzi na psy, Warszawa 2018
12. Lindenberg G., Ludzkość poprawiona. Jak najbliższe lata zmienią świat, w którym żyjemy, Kraków 2018
13. Kolbert E., Szóste wymieranie. Historia nienaturalna, Warszawa 2022
14. Konflikty współczesnego świata, opr. zbior., Warszawa 2008
15. Kryzysy, katastrofy, kataklizmy. Zjawiska współczesnej cywilizacji, red. K. Popiołek, Poznań 2004
16. Ostrowski M., Co nas obchodzi świat. Ściągawka na czas chaosu, Warszawa 2006
17. Popkiewicz M., Świat na rozdrożu, Katowice 2013
18. Popkiewicz M., Kardaś A., Malinowski S., Nauka o klimacie. Mechanizmy zmiany systemu klimatycznego. Zmiany klimatu w przeszłości i obecnie, Warszawa 2018
19. Robbins R., Globalne problemy a kultura kapitalizmu, Poznań 2006
20. Rosling H., Fact full ness. Dlaczego świat jest lepszy niż myślimy, czyli jak stereotypy zastąpić realną wiedza, Poznań 2018
21. Ross A., Świat przyszłości. Jak następna fala innowacji wpłynie na gospodarkę, biznes i nas samych, Warszawa 2017
22. Smil V., Energia i cywilizacja. Tak tworzy się historia, Gliwice 2022
23. Yergin D., Nowa mapa. Jak energetyka zmienia geopolitykę, Katowice 2023
24. Zmierzch demokracji liberalnej?, Red. K. A. Wojtaszczyk, P. Stawarz, J. Wiśniewska-Grzelak, Warszawa 2018</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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