University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Workshop on creating solutions to global problems, PG_00179428		
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 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	2	Language of instruction	Polish
Semester of study	3	ECTS credits	2.0
Learning profile	academic	Assessment form	credit
Conducting unit	Division of Social Anthropology -> Institute of Sociology -> Faculty of Social Sciences -> Rector		
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	0.0	30.0	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	16.0	50

Subject objectives	The aim of the workshop is a sociological analysis of global problems and their manifestations on a local scale. The emphasis will be on searching for innovative solutions. During the classes, participants and the instructor will answer the following questions in the form of various workshop tasks: How to meet the challenges of the future? What could we do if the sky was the limit? How to look boldly and boldly into the future? How to think about solutions to problems in order to avoid unplanned consequences? What abstract but within our reach solutions can we come up with?

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[SOCMU2_U01] The graduate is able to interpret social phenomena and relations between them using sociological concepts and sociological imagination	The graduate can interpret social phenomena related to key contemporary issues based on sociological knowledge.	[SU5] implementation of a problem task
[SOCMU2_U04] The graduate is able to forecast and model complex social processes and phenomena in various areas of social life on the basis of sociological knowledge using advanced methods of sociological research	The graduate is able to forecast and model complex social processes and phenomena in various areas of social life.	[SU5] implementation of a problem task
[SOCMU2_U02] The graduate is able to use theoretical knowledge from different streams of sociology and acquire data to analyse concrete social phenomena and processes and formulate own opinions about their character and course	The graduate is able to use theoretical knowledge from different streams of sociology and acquire data to gather data for analyzing possible solutions to pressing global issues.	[SU5] implementation of a problem task
[SOCMU2_W07] The graduate has in-depth knowledge of selected normative systems in relation to various areas of social life, social and cultural institutions and the processes of their change	The graduate has in-depth knowledge of selected normative systems in relation to various areas of social life, social and cultural institutions and the processes of their change.	[SW5] implementation of a problem task
[SOCMU2_U08] The graduate is able to analyse and understand many current social phenomena in the context of knowledge about the mechanisms of human activity, the impact of a group on an individual, the processes of change in Polish, European and world society, and is able to relate his/her understanding of these phenomena to theoretical explanations and results of social research	The graduate is able to analyse and understand many current social phenomena in the context of knowledge about the mechanisms of human activity, the impact of a group on an individual, the processes of change in Polish, European and world society.	[SU5] implementation of a problem task
[SOCMU2_K03] The graduate is ready to participate in the preparation of social projects and is able to predict the intended and unintended social consequences of his/her actions	The graduate is ready to participate in the preparation of social projects aimed at addressing key contemporary issues.	[SK5] implementation of a problem task
[SOCMU2_K04] The graduate is ready to independently and critically complement and improve the acquired knowledge and skills using various disciplines in the field of social sciences	The graduate is prepared to independently and critically supplement and refine their acquired knowledge and skills in addressing and mitigating key contemporary issues.	[SK5] implementation of a problem task

Subject contents

- Megatrends of the modern world problems and challenges
- Institutions of the "global world". A problem-solving tool or a new source of problems?
- The flow of knowledge and perception of the world - about problems resulting from ideas about the world
- Technology and the future of the world, or can a visionary new technology magnate help humanity colonize Mars or solve environmental problems?
- Pandemics, climate change, wars, migrations... Do we have global solutions to local problems (and vice versa)?
- Demography as a challenge or as an opportunity?
- Access to nutritious food how does the global economy affect the food market?

Prerequisites and co-requisites

Advancement to the second year of study, knowledge of the most important theoretical and methodological currents in sociology.

Assessment methods and criteria

Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
Preparation and implementation of a project in a group of 3-4 people and a joint presentation	50.0%	100.0%

Recommended reading

Basic literature	Introducing Global Issues, (2021), ed. Michael Snarr and Neil Snarr, Lynne Rienner Publishers inc
Supplementary literature	Ethics and the Contemporary World, (2019), ed. David Edmonds, Taylor & Francis Ltd
eResources addresses	

Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed

Work placement	Not applicable

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