University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Methods od social data collection - auditorium classes, PG_00149009		
Field of study	Sociology		
Date of commencement of studies	October 2027	Academic year of realisation of subject	2027/2028
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	1	Language of instruction	Polish
Semester of study	1	ECTS credits	1.0
Learning profile	academic	Assessment form	credit
Conducting unit	Division of Sociology of Sport and Health -> Institute of Sociology -> Faculty of Social Sciences -> Rector		
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor	dr Jacek Mianowski	
	Teachers		

Lesson types

Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
Number of study hours	0.0	15.0	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	2.0	8.0	25

Subject objectives

The goal is to teach students the basic knowledge of social data acquisition methods, both quantitative and qualitative. During the exercises, the content related to methods of obtaining social data will be presented, discussed and used in the students' own work (research project). The goal is also to point out the necessary literature in this area, so that the student is also able to find content on social research methodology on his/her own.

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[SOCMU2_U03] The graduate is able to analyse the causes and course of social processes and phenomena, to formulate his/her own opinions on the subject, to formulate research hypotheses and to verify them using the methods of sociological research	The student(s) is able to create a sociological research methodology.	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SU3] text preparation/written work
[SOCMU2_W06] The graduate has in-depth knowledge and understanding of quantitative and qualitative methods of sociological research, including observation, interview, document analysis and desk research, and how to develop and report research findings	The student has an in-depth understanding of how to use both quantitative and qualitative research methods in sociology. They understand how to utilize these research methods to conduct the research process.	[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion [SW2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SW3] text preparation/written work
[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 theoretical frameworks in sociological research. They utilize methodological and theoretical approaches in their research and in collaboration with other entities and institutions. They understand the place of sociology among the social sciences.	[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion [SW2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SW3] text preparation/written work
[SOCMU2_U01] The graduate is able to interpret social phenomena and relations between them using sociological concepts and sociological imagination	The student/s can show the role and function of various social phenomena, can describe social reality. He/she can create mind maps, define sociological terms, etc.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU3] text preparation/written work
[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 student(s), through research work, is able to demonstrate the ability to analyze social phenomena. He/she formulates his/her own opinions and is able to defend the chosen research methodology.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SU3] text preparation/written work
[SOCMU2_K02] The graduate recognizes and correctly solves dilemmas connected with his/her profession	The student is able to independently construct solutions to the research problem, is able to describe the problem and define it, and indicate how to resolve the situation.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SK3] text preparation/written work

Subject contents

Workshop and exercise classes on: the theoretical basis of choosing a method for collecting social data. Learning how to approach quantitative and qualitative analysis - the role of questions, research objectives, the role of the researcher, interpretation of results. Quantitative techniques for collecting social data. Qualitative methods of collecting social data. Mix-methods, case studies, Big Data - as sources of social data. Learning how to collect and retrieve social data. Transcription and coding - not only of interviews, but of other content (e.g., documents, newspaper articles) - as acquisition and first analysis of social data.

Prerequisites and co-requisites

Holding a bachelor's degree.

Preliminary knowledge of the methodology of social sciences.

Assessment methods and criteria

Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	100.0%	50.0%
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Recommended reading	Basic literature	Angrosino, M. Ethnographic and observational research. Warsaw. 2010Flick, U. Designing a qualitative study. Warsaw 2011Silverman D. Conducting qualitative data, Warsaw. 2008Babbie E. 2003/2024. social research in practice, Warsaw. 2024Creswell J. W. Research design: qualitative, quantitative and mixed methods, Krakow. 2013
	Supplementary literature	Jemielniak, D. (ed.). 2012. qualitative research. Methods and tools. Warsaw.Józefacka, et al. .2023. Methodology and statistics. Warsaw.
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Ability to create a research project based on quantitative methodsAbility to create a research project based on qualitative methods	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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