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Subject name and code	Master's Seminar II, PG_00175262						
Field of study	Sociology						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2024		Academic year of realisation of subject		2025/2026		
Education level	Master's studies		Subject group		Obligatory subject group in the field of study Optional subject group		
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		5.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		credit		
Conducting unit	Division of Sociological Theory and Social Research Methodology -> Institute of Sociology -> Faculty of Social Sciences -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr hab. Anna Klonkowska				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	45.0	45
	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	45		2.0		78.0	125
Subject objectives	The goal of the master's seminar in sociology is to equip students with advanced theoretical knowledge and research skills necessary for conducting independent and original sociological research. The seminar aims to foster critical thinking, enhance scholarly writing and presentation abilities, and develop ethical research practices. Through rigorous analysis and interdisciplinary integration, students will contribute to the academic discourse in sociology and prepare for professional careers in academia, research, and related fields.						

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 student can integrate knowledge from other disciplines to enhance sociological research and analysis.	[SU3] text preparation/written work
	[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 demonstrates an advanced understanding of key sociological theories and their applications to complex social phenomena.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
	[SOCMU2_K06] 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 student is capable of writing high-quality research papers and presenting findings effectively in academic settings.	[SK3] text preparation/written work
	[SOCMU2_W10] The graduate has in-depth knowledge and understanding of the basic notions and principles concerning the protection of industrial property and copyright, as well as the necessity of managing intellectual property resources	The student can critically analyze sociological literature, identifying strengths, weaknesses, and gaps in existing research.	[SW3] 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 adheres to ethical standards in sociological research, including issues of consent, confidentiality, and integrity.	[SU5] implementation of a problem task
	[SOCMU2_K03] The graduate is ready to appropriately determine priorities in the implementation of a specific task	The student contributes to the field of sociology through original research, adding new insights and perspectives to the academic discourse.	[SK3] text preparation/written work
	[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	The student can independently design and execute a research project, from formulating research questions to data collection and analysis.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
	[SOCMU2_U05] The graduate is able to apply legal, professional and ethical norms and rules when solving tasks in the field of sociology in various areas of social life	The student is proficient in both qualitative and quantitative research methodologies, able to design and conduct rigorous sociological studies.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
	[SOCMU2_U09] The graduate is able to prepare a written work in the field of sociology in Polish and foreign language, in accordance with the formal rules of a scientific text, making appropriate use of a selected theoretical perspective and research methods and drawing on the work of other disciplines in the field of social sciences	The student develops skills necessary for professional growth, including collaboration, communication, and time management.	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[SOCMU2_U07] The graduate is able to independently propose solutions to a specific problem in the field of sociology based on carrying out appropriate research procedures	The student can think critically and solve complex sociological problems, applying theoretical and empirical knowledge.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion

Subject contents	Introduction to Advanced Sociological Theory: • Overview of key contemporary sociological theories • Discussion of the relevance and application of these theories to current research Research Design and Methodology: • Advanced techniques in qualitative and quantitative research • Designing robust research projects, including hypothesis formulation and operationalization of variables Literature Review and Critical Analysis: • Conducting comprehensive literature reviews • Techniques for critically analyzing existing research and identifying research gaps Ethics in Sociological Research: • Ethical considerations and challenges in sociological research • Case studies and discussions on ethical dilemmas and best practices Data Collection and Analysis: • Advanced data collection methods, including surveys, interviews, and ethnography • Analytical techniques for both qualitative and quantitative data, using software tools where appropriate Writing and Presenting Research: • Academic writing skills, including structuring research papers and thesis writing • Presentation skills, including the preparation and delivery of research findings in academic and professional settings Interdisciplinary Approaches: • Integrating insights from other disciplines to enhance sociological research • Case studies of successful interdisciplinary research projects Current Trends and Debates in Sociology: • Examination of the latest trends, debates, and emerging areas of research in sociology • Guest lectures and seminars by leading researchers in the field Practical Research Experience: • Conducting a mini-research project, from proposal to final report • Peer review sessions to provide and receive constructive feedback • Guidance on publishing research and presenting at conferences Preparation for Professional Careers: • Career development workshops, including academic and non-academic career paths • Networking opportunities with professionals and alumni		
Prerequisites and co-requisites	The student has advanced to the third semester of their studies, accumulated knowledge during their first year of study, and gained experience during their bachelor's degree.		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	Master's work	100.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	Booth, Colomb, Williams, The Craft of Research - Chicago Guides to Writing, Editing and Publishing, The University of Chicago Press 2008.	
	Supplementary literature	Piotr Sztompka, Socjologia. Wykłady o społeczeństwie, Znak 2020.	
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed			
Work placement	Not applicable		

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