

Subject card

Subject name and code	Introduction to sociology, PG_00151335						
Field of study	Social Work						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject		2025/2026		
Education level	Bachelor's studies		Subject group		Obligatory subject group 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		2.0		
Learning profile	practical		Assessment form		exam		
Conducting unit							
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Piotr Pawliszak				
	Teachers		dr Piotr Pawliszak				
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		0.0		20.0	50
Subject objectives	To learn basic sociological concepts and terms and how to use them to understand and explain social life at different levels						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[PRACSOCL3_K01] is aware of continuous education, improvement of his skills in the field of social work in a constantly changing society and changing legal conditions	The student is aware of the permanent change in the patterns of social life and the need for continuous learning to understand them	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[PRACSOCL3_W09] will gain and advanced understanding views on selected social structures and institutions and types of social bonds and their historical evolution	He/she knows and understands the most important views on social life and selected social structures and institutions expressed in the popular world, public and scholarly discourse, and is aware of their historical evolution.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[PRACSOCL3_U09] is able to skilfully prepare written papers in Polish and in a foreign language on specific issues, using basic theoretical approaches and various sources	She/he can prepare a short written statement in the field of sociology with observance of the formal rules of a scientific text, using basic theoretical approaches and various sources of knowledge about society.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[PRACSOCL3_W02] will gain and understanding typical types of social structures and institutions (cultural, political, legal, economic), in particular their basic elements	He/she has advanced knowledge of 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, knows and understands the differences in the principles of social, public and commercial organizations.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[PRACSOCL3_U01] is able to correctly interpret social phenomena specific for social work (cultural, political, legal, economic)	The student is able to interpret phenomena and processes in society using sociological concepts and sociological imagination.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[PRACSOCL3_W04] has an advanced knowledge and understanding of the types of social bonds in the social sciences—primarily sociology and education—and the principles that govern them	He/she knows and understands in an advanced way the types of social ties of informal and formalized nature formed in different types of groups, social networks and societies and the regularities governing their change.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[PRACSOCL3_K02] is ready cooperate and work in a group	He/she knows and understands the patterns of dynamics of different social groups and the processes of participation of individuals in group life, which allows for conscious involvement in the activities of various social groups.	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[PRACSOCL3_W07] will gain and advanced understanding norms and rules organizing selected social structures and institutions	He/she has knowledge of ethical, moral norms of social life, as well as legal and organizational norms governing social life, and knows and understands the processes of their introduction and change.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
Subject contents	Basic features of sociology as a science of social life, its development, methods, applications of sociological knowledge, main paradigms and theoretical perspectives along with key representatives Basic micro, meso and macro social structures and processes and their various sociological and social conceptualizations Modern and late-modern processes of change (emergence, construction, reconstruction) of individuals, collectivities and various social structures and whole socio-cultural formations, ways of studying and attempts at sociological conceptualization of their basic mechanisms and effects Selected social (including socio-ecological) problems, their genesis, construction, methods of management, probable scenarios, risk ambiguity and uncertainty.		
Prerequisites and co-requisites	no		

Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	A written closed-ended single-choice and multiple-choice questions on the understanding of basic social phenomena and their sociological interpretation	51.0%	50.0%
	+open-ended questions to assess the understanding of sociological concepts and terms and the ability to use them to analyze selected social phenomena	51.0%	30.0%
	+complex problem questions on designing a simple study, interpreting and/or explaining a selected social process, and presenting the essence and dynamics of a social problem and ways to deal with it	51.0%	20.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	Giddens Anthony, Socjologia. Warszawa 2012 i nast. Giddens Anthony, Sutton Philip W., Socjologia. Kluczowe pojęcia. Warszawa 2021 i nast. Sztompka Piotr, Socjologia. Kraków 2021 i nast	
	Supplementary literature	Aronson E., Człowiek istota społeczna, Warszawa (wiele wydań), PWN. Bauman Z. Socjologia, Poznań (wiele wydań), Zysk i S-ka. Bauman Z. 2007, Płynne życie, Wydawnictwo Literackie, Kraków. Berger Peter, Zaproszenie do Socjologii, PWN Warszawa 1998 (i nast) Golka Marian, Cywilizacja współczesna i globalne problemy, Oficyna Naukowa, Warszawa 2012. Sennett R., <i>Kultura nowego kapitalizmu</i> , Muza Warszawa 2010 Socjologia. Lektury (red. P. Sztompka i M. Kucia) Kraków 2009 i nast.	
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	The forerunner of critical sociology was: a. K. Marx, b. M. Weber, c. E. Durkheim? State and justify which society is a good example of a political nation? Propose a sample and method and the type of tool appropriate for studying the social attitudes of the residents of your locality of residence toward local climate change issues.		
Work placement	Not applicable		

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