

Subject card

Subject name and code	Gerontology, PG_00151371						
Field of study	Social Work						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject		2026/2027		
Education level	Bachelor's studies		Subject group		Obligatory subject group in the field of study		
Mode of study	full-time studies		Mode of delivery		e-learning		
Year of study	2		Language of instruction		Polish		
Semester of study	3		ECTS credits		2.0		
Learning profile	practical		Assessment form		credit		
Conducting unit	Faculty of Social Sciences -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr hab. Piotr Czekanowski				
	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: 30.0						
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	The aim of the course is to familiarize students with the basics of knowledge in the field of interdisciplinary science, which is social gerontology due to the dynamically progressing process of population aging. Getting to know the curriculum content is to make it easier for students to understand issues related to the functioning of the elderly community itself, as well as issues related to this community in a broader context.						
Learning outcomes	Course outcome		Subject outcome		Method of verification		
	[PRACSOCL3_U06] is able to skilfully use the acquired knowledge, taking into account the skills acquired during the professional practice to organize individual and team work		[PRACSOCL3_U06] is able to skillfully use the acquired gerontological knowledge, taking into account the skills acquired during professional practice, in order to organize individual and team work, especially focused on the elderly and their environment.		[SU4] test/exam - oral or written		
	[PRACSOCL3_W05] knows the areas of social functioning of man, in particular, has knowledge of his activities in the constitution of social structures and their practical functioning		[PRACSOCL3_W05] By studying gerontology, he knows the areas of social functioning of man, especially the elderly, in particular he has knowledge of his activities in the field of constituting social structures and their practical functioning.		[SW4] test/exam - oral or written		

Subject contents	1. Survey on old age. Discussion of the content of the syllabus. 2. Demographic situation. Gerontology as a science. 3. Gerontological research methodological issues. 4. Age determination. Theories of aging. Organizations: PTG, PWRS and others. 5. Stereotypical perception of old people. 6. Needs and fears of the elderly. Solitude and loneliness. 7. Patterns (courses) of aging and old age. Active and passive old age. Free time. 8. Social policy towards the elderly and living conditions of the elderly in Poland. 9. Changes relating to the place and role of the elderly in the family and society. 10. Help in the family. Family caregivers of the elderly. 11. Non-family help. Social assistance and the elderly. Gerontological social work. 12. Mobility of the older generation. 13. Institutional assistance. Adaptation to life in stationary nursing homes for the elderly. 14. Impaired old age: senile dementia of the Alzheimer's type. 15. The problem of dying and death.								
Prerequisites and co-requisites	Entry Requirements: completed the second semester of study. Additional requirements: basic knowledge of human communities and social bonds.								
Assessment methods and criteria	<table><tr><td>Subject passing criteria</td><td>Passing threshold</td><td>Percentage of the final grade</td></tr><tr><td>Written test</td><td>51.0%</td><td>100.0%</td></tr></table>			Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade	Written test	51.0%	100.0%
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Recommended reading	Basic literature	Błędowski P., Grodzicki T., Mossakowska M., Zdrojewski T. (red. nauk.) [Eds.], PolSenior 2. Badanie poszczególnych obszarów stanu zdrowia osób starszych, w tym jakości życia związanej ze zdrowiem [Study of individual areas of health status of the elderly, including health-related quality of life], Gdański Uniwersytet Medyczny, Gdańsk, 2021. Czekanowski P., Społeczne aspekty starzenia się ludności w Polsce. Perspektywa socjologii starości [Social aspects of population ageing in Poland. The perspective of the sociology of old age], Wydawnictwo UG, Gdańsk. Szatur-Jaworska B, Błędowski P., Dziegielewska M., 2006, Podstawy gerontologii społecznej [Fundamentals of social gerontology], ASPRA-JR, Warszawa, 2012. Woźniak Z., Starość. Bilans zadanie wyzwanie [Old age. Balance task challenge], Wyd. Nauk. WNS, UAM, Poznań, 2016. Zych A. A. (red. nauk.) [Ed.], Encyklopedia starości, starzenia się i niepełnosprawności [Encyclopedia of Old Age, Ageing and Disability], tomy 1-5, Thesaurus Silesiae, Katowice, 2017.
	Supplementary literature	Czekanowski P., Report on the Research on Old Age in Poland (scientific and research report published as part of the international Project "Global Ageing Research Partnership", NAWA, 2021: http://garp.upjp2.edu.pl/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/GARP_Report_Poland.pdf. Łuszczzyńska M., Ageing as a Social Challenge. Individual, Family and Social Aspects in Poland, Routledge, London and New York 2021, (series: Social Perspectives on Ageing and Later Life). Gerontologia Polska [Polish Gerontology] - quarterly of the Polish Society of Gerontology. Łuszczzyńska M. (Ed.), Researching Ageing. Methodological Challenges and their Empirical Background, Routledge, London and New York, 2020, [series: Routledge Advances in Research Methods]. Rancew-Sikora D., Obracht-Prondzyński C., Kaczmarczyk M., Czekanowski P. (red.), O społecznym znaczeniu tożsamości, miejsca i czasu życia. Szkice socjologiczne i gerontologiczne. Księga dedykowana prof. Brunonowi Synakowi (On the social meaning of identity, place and time of life. Sociological and gerontological sketches. A book dedicated to Prof. Brunon Synak), Zrzeszenie Kaszubsko-Pomorskie, Gdańsk, 2013.
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed		
Work placement	Not applicable	

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