

Subject card

Subject name and code	Current world problems - sociological interpretations, PG_00151063						
Field of study	Social Work						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject		2025/2026		
Education level	Master'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		3.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		exam		
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		prof. dr hab. Cezary Obracht-Prondzyński				
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		45.0	75
Subject objectives	The aim of the subject is to develop skills in the sociological interpretation of processes taking place in the modern world.						
	Shaping the understanding of the issues of universalism and particularism of forms of collective life of people, the ability to analyze phenomena in a global dimension and their mutual connections.						
	Drawing attention to the practical importance of knowledge about the modern world						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[PRACSOCMU2_W04] knows and has in-depth understanding of psychological, sociological and pedagogical determinants of social bonds in the field of social work and the regularities between them	Is able to use sociological knowledge in the implementation of a problem project	[SW5] implementation of a problem task
	[PRACSOCMU2_W09] knows and has in-depth understanding of views on selected structures and institutions and categories of social bonds in the field of social work, knows the process of their historical evolution	Is able to use sociological knowledge in the implementation of a problem project	[SW5] implementation of a problem task
	[PRACSOCMU2_U01] is able to correctly interpret social phenomena and relations between them, properly planning social activities aimed at clients of social welfare and planning social change in the institution, use the correct interpretation of the law to create social innovations, design innovative activities depending on the diagnostic conclusions and manage the work of the team	Is able to use sociological knowledge in the implementation of a problem project	[SU5] implementation of a problem task
	[PRACSOCMU2_W08] knows and has in-depth understanding of processes of changes in selected structures, institutions and bonds in the field of social work and knows the regularities governing these changes	Is able to use sociological knowledge in the implementation of a problem project	[SW5] implementation of a problem task
	[PRACSOCMU2_U10] is able to discuss with the media about the correctness of the actions taken; prepare an oral presentation in Polish and in English in terms of describing the issues of social assistance, organising the local community or advocacy for clients. He/she presents his/her statement in a way that takes into account the theoretical context and uses various sources of the acquired diagnostic knowledge	Is able to use sociological knowledge in the implementation of a problem project	[SU5] implementation of a problem task
	[PRACSOCMU2_W01] knows and has in-depth understanding of: the nature of social work, its sources and place in the system of sciences and relations to other sciences, such as philosophy, sociology or psychology	Is able to use sociological knowledge in the implementation of a problem project	[SW5] implementation of a problem task
Subject contents	1. Global revolutions - local effects, or some basic challenges of the future (introductory lecture) 2. The environment we live in global threats and ecological risks 3. (De)globalization? 4. Demographic problems of the modern world 5. Homo vagans, or migrations as a challenge of the modern world. 6. Human life in technopolis 7. The planet of cities, or if mayors ruled... 8. Tell me: what, how, how much and with whom you consume, and I will tell you what the world will be like... 9. What is happening between people and with people? 10. Cultural problems 11. Towards a new political order?		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
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	51.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	Subsequent editions: The Global Risk Report	
	Supplementary literature	Subsequent editions: The Global Risk Report	
	eResources addresses		
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed			

Work placement	Not applicable
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