

Subject card

Subject name and code	Theoretical dilemmas of current sociology, PG_00151085						
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	2		ECTS credits		3.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		credit		
Conducting unit							
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr hab. Michał Kaczmarczyk				
	Teachers		dr hab. Michał Kaczmarczyk				
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 goal of the course "Dilemmas of Contemporary Sociological Theories" is to critically examine the major theoretical debates and challenges within contemporary sociology. Students will explore key dilemmas and controversies, gaining a deeper understanding of the complexities and evolving nature of sociological theory, while developing their ability to engage with and contribute to these ongoing discussions						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[PRACSOCMU2_U02] is able to using theoretical knowledge to describe and analyse the causes and course of the processes taking place in the life of the client and his/her family as well as social phenomena in the local environment, make an assessment, formulate his/her opinion and select the appropriate tools for analysis, diagnosis, planning of social or therapeutic activities	1. Understanding Key Sociological Theories: a. Students will understand and explain major contemporary sociological theories and their historical development. 2. Critical Analysis of Theoretical Perspectives: a. Students will critically analyze and compare different sociological theories and their applications to current social issues.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[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	1. Presentation of Theoretical Arguments: a. Students will effectively present theoretical arguments in both written and oral formats. 2. Understanding Interdisciplinary contexts: a. Students will understand the interdisciplinary contexts and interdependencies between sociology and other social sciences.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[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	1. Application of Theories to Social Phenomena: a. Students will apply contemporary sociological theories to analyze various social phenomena and issues. 2. Development of Analytical Skills: a. Students will develop advanced analytical skills to evaluate the strengths and limitations of different sociological theories.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[PRACSOCMU2_K06] is willing to within the framework of self-education and being critical, supplement his/her knowledge about people going beyond the scope of his/her discipline; is ready to expand the professional workshop, to seek continuous improvement;	1. Exploration of Emerging Theories: a. Students will explore and critically assess emerging theories and their potential impact on the field of sociology. 2. Engagement with Sociological Literature: a. Students will engage with and critically evaluate contemporary sociological literature.	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[PRACSOCMU2_U08] is able to analyse social phenomena occurring in the local environment, analyse them and draw conclusions about the regularity of social changes, changes in the labour market, interpersonal relations, the use of individual and social, cultural and legal resources	1. Development of Critical Thinking: a. Students will develop critical thinking skills through the evaluation of theoretical arguments and their implications. 2. Formulation of Research Questions: a. Students will formulate research questions based on theoretical frameworks and current sociological debates.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written

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	[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	1. Awareness of Global Perspectives: a. Students will develop an awareness of global perspectives and their relevance to contemporary sociological theories. 2. Ethical Considerations in Theorizing: a. Students will understand and apply ethical considerations in the development and application of sociological theories.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[PRACSOCMU2_W05] knows and has in-depth understanding of an autonomous subject transforming the reality in which he lives, a creator of a deepened culture in relation to selected areas of social work	1. Understanding Sociological Debates: a. Students will understand the key debates and dilemmas within contemporary sociology. 2. Integration of Theoretical Knowledge: a. Students will integrate theoretical knowledge with empirical research to form coherent sociological arguments.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
Subject contents	Social Capital Problems of Rational Choice Theory New Functionalism Actor-Network Theory Various Forms of Constructivism Debate on the New Ecological Paradigm Pragmatism and Symbolic Interactionism in the USA and Europe Durkheimian Legacy New Perspectives on Theories of Social Inequality Controversies around the Concept of Culture Postcolonial Perspective Theories of the Digital Society		
Prerequisites and co-requisites	No initial requirements		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	test exam	50.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	Piotr Sztompka, Socjologia. Wykłady o społeczeństwie, Znak 2022.	

	Supplementary literature	1. Jürgen Habermas, "The Theory of Communicative Action", Beacon Press, Boston, 1984 2. Pierre Bourdieu, "Distinction: A Social Critique of the Judgement of Taste", Harvard University Press, Cambridge, MA, 1984 3. Mark Granovetter, "Society and Economy: Framework and Principles", Publisher: Harvard University Press, Cambridge, MA, 2017 4. Ulrich Beck, "The Risk Society: Towards a New Modernity", Sage Publications, London, 1992 5. Fredric Jameson, "Postmodernism, or, The Cultural Logic of Late Capitalism", Duke University Press, Durham, NC, 1991 6. Judith Butler, "Gender Trouble: Feminism and the Subversion of Identity", Routledge, New York and London, 1990 7. Erving Goffman, "The Presentation of Self in Everyday Life", Anchor Books, New York, 1959 8. Pierre Bourdieu, "The Logic of Practice", Stanford University Press, Stanford, CA, 1990
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	The Theory of Communicative Action and Pragmatism Causes of the Erosion of Social Capital Sources of the New Ecological Paradigm	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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