

Subject card

Subject name and code	Anthropology of the Contemporary Issues, PG_00176666						
Field of study	Sociology						
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 Optional subject group Subject group related to scientific research in the field of study		
Mode of study	full-time studies		Mode of delivery		at the university		
Year of study	2		Language of instruction		Polish		
Semester of study	4		ECTS credits		2.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		credit		
Conducting unit	Division of Social Anthropology -> Institute of Sociology -> Faculty of Social Sciences -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Krzysztof Ulanowski				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	0.0	30.0	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	Familiarizing students with the anthropology of modern times - with the subject of its research, with the specific perspective from which it approaches modern and post-modern societies, with the conceptual equipment, with the theoretical concepts it uses, and with its extraordinary history - is the first goal of our classes. The second is an attempt to take on the role of a contemporary anthropologist - to awaken and put into practice the anthropological imagination that lies dormant in us.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[SOCL3_U02] The graduate is able to use theoretical knowledge from different streams of sociology and acquire data to analyse specific social processes and phenomena	He is of use to use theoretical knowledge in the field of sociology and obtain data to analyze specific processes and social phenomena occurring in the present day.	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[SOCL3_U08] The graduate is able to analyse current social phenomena in the context of knowledge about the mechanisms of human activity, the impact of a group on an individual and the processes of change that Polish society, European society and that of the world undergoes	Is able to analyze current social phenomena in the context of knowledge about the mechanisms of human action, the influence of a group on an individual, and the processes of change to which Polish society, European society and the world are subject.	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[SOCL3_W02] The graduate has advanced knowledge about 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, she/he knows the differences in the functioning principles of social, public and commercial organisations	Knows and understands in an advanced way the types of informal and formal social ties that arise in various types of groups, social networks and societies, as well as the regularities that govern their change.	[SW2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[SOCL3_W05] The graduate has advanced knowledge of man as a subject constituting social structures and the rules of their functioning, as well as acting in these structures and participating in cultural practices in the local, regional environment, the area of national culture and global exchange	Has advanced knowledge of various types of social structures and institutions such as the state, nation, social classes and layers, ethnic group, local community, social group, family, political party, enterprise, knows and understands the differences in the principles of functioning of social, public and commercial organizations .	[SW2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[SOCL3_U07] The graduate is able to analyse proposed solutions to a specific problem in sociology and decide on appropriate solutions	Is able to analyze proposed solutions to a specific problem in the field of sociology and makes decisions regarding appropriate solutions.	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[SOCL3_W04] The graduate knows and understands in an advanced way the types of informal and formal social bonds that arise in different types of groups, social networks and societies, and with the regularities governing their change.	Knows and understands in an advanced way the types of informal and formal social ties that arise in various types of groups, social networks and societies, as well as the regularities that govern their change.	[SW2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[SOCL3_K02] The graduate is ready to cooperate effectively and assume various roles in a group	Is ready for effective cooperation and cooperation in a group, assuming roles resulting from the acquired experience.	[SK2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[SOCL3_U09] The graduate will be able to prepare a written work in the field of sociology in Polish and English while observing the formal rules of a scientific text, using basic theoretical approaches and various sources of knowledge about society	Is able to prepare a written work in the field of sociology in Polish and English, observing the formal rules of a scientific text, using basic theoretical approaches and various sources of knowledge about society and its challenges.	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/report
Subject contents	Contemporary anthropology perspectives. Glocalization, creolization, indigenizationPresent day. Glocalization, creolization, indigenizationPostmodern anthropologyAmerican anthropology "at home". British anthropology at homePolish Polish anthropology "at home" - "in your own backyard"Methods of modern field researchProblems of the modern world: development, globalization and neoliberalismAnthropology of developmentTransnationalism and migrationNew media and the paradoxes of transnationalism, or how much of Europe can you see on your phone?Witchcraft and the phenomena of the modern worldAnthropology of the body: cleanliness and dirt, beauty and fitness, health and diseaseAnthropology of sexuality		

Prerequisites and co-requisites	Effective selection of the Anthropology and Sociology of Culture specialization.		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	project	60.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	Kuligowski Waldemar 2007, 36 evidence for the existence of culture, [in:] ibid., Anthropology of modern times. Many worlds, one place, UNIVERSITAS, Kraków, pp. 9-30.Kuligowski Waldemar 2007, Ethnicity and pop culture: osmotic connections, [in:] ibid., Anthropology of the present. Many worlds, one place, Kraków, pp. 109-145.Burszta Wojciech J. 1998, Globalization and new locality [in:] the same, Anthropology of culture, Poznań: Wydawnictwo Zysk i S-ka, pp. 157-171.	
	Supplementary literature	Kuligowski Waldemar 2007, Thongs in culture. The case of Koniaków, [in:] ibidem, Anthropology of the present. Many worlds, one place, Kraków, pp. 37-74.Barbara Fatyga 1999, Savages from our street. Anthropology of youth culture, Warsaw.Kalinowska Katarzyna 2015, Controlled pickup. The role of teamwork and relationships between researchers in field research on emotions [in:] Barbara Fatyga, Magdalena Dudkiewicz, Bogna Kietlińska (ed.), Research practices, Warsaw 2015, 113-129.	
	eResources addresses		
	Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Recognizing contemporary challenges of society in terms of otherness, defining exoticism and folk culture. References to netlore, the virtual successor to the modern stand-in for folklore.	
Work placement	Not applicable		

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