

Subject card

Subject name and code	Sociology of body, PG_00176679						
Field of study	Sociology						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject			2027/2028	
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	3		Language of instruction			Polish	
Semester of study	5		ECTS credits			1.0	
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form			credit	
Conducting unit	Division of the Sociology of Everyday Life -> Institute of Sociology -> Faculty of Social Sciences -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Magdalena Gajewska				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	15.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15
	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	15		0.0		10.0	25
Subject objectives	To provide the student with knowledge of the theoretical ways of analyzing social life that emerged with the constitution of paradigms in the sociology of the body. They include: -the constitution of the social relation to corporeality; -the ontological and epistemic assumptions of social theories and religions that relate to the body; -the bodily styles that characterize the various sociological schools; -the influence of social events on the formation of approaches to corporeality;						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[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	The student has knowledge allowing to analyze the influence of religious values and practices in shaping practices toward the body. Recognizes the impact of cultural and economic values that shape the body and influence health-related inequalities.	[SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
	[SOCL3_W07] The graduate has an advanced knowledge about the ethical and moral norms of social life as well as legal and organisational norms regulating social life, is familiar with the processes of their introduction and changes	The student recognizes the relationship between morality and the body. Provides examples of research from Polish and world sociology and anthropology.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[SOCL3_U10] The graduate will be able to prepare and deliver an oral speech in Polish and English on a selected issue in the field of sociology using basic theoretical approaches and various sources of knowledge about society	The student prepares the basics of the research project in the team, which he will implement in the exercises. Research focused on the analysis of a selected bodily practice.	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[SOCL3_U06] The graduate is able to use the acquired sociological knowledge to resolve dilemmas arising in professional work	The student is able to select research methods that allow him to ethically study embodiment and intimate bodily practices.	[SU5] implementation of a problem task
	[SOCL3_U07] The graduate is able to analyse proposed solutions to a specific problem in sociology and decide on appropriate solutions	Through the examples given, the student is able to recognize the differences in paradigms and methodologies used. It also dissects issues in the sociology of the body involved and critical sociology.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
Subject contents	A. Problems of the lecture 1. Sociology of the body - history of the sub-discipline. 2. The body in philosophical, anthropological and social reflection - the main issues. 3. The physical body versus the social body. 4. The body as an element of identity. 5. The body as an object of social control. 6. the body as capital. 7. (In)presence of the body in culture. B. Problems of the conversation 1. The ludic body. Ritualization of the body. 2. The body in the field of science, ritual and spectacle. Body themes and rhemes in sports. 3. Is the body nature? From Descartes to Latour. 4. Metaphors of the body. The body as a project of practice. (Childhood, Maternity, Maternity, Old age). 5. The body. Identity. Stigma in postmodernity. (Disability, Scarring, The phenomenon of self-harm and gender identity). 6. Bio-power. Normativity of the body and sociology of medicine. The intimate and public body. The hospitalized body. 7. Jedzenie, hygiene, clothing - customs Polish society. 8. The body in the system of interaction. Body language		
Prerequisites and co-requisites	Successful selection of the Anthropology and Sociology of Culture specialization Advancement to the fifth semester of studies. In order to pass the lecture, the student must first pass the classes.		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	exam	60.0%	50.0%
	research project	60.0%	50.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	A. Literature required to pass the class: Bourdieu P., Male Dominance, transl. Lucyna Kopciwicz, Oficyna naukowa, Warsaw 2004, ch. 1 and 2. Goffman E., Stigma. Reflections on wounded identity, transl. Aleksandra Dzierżyńska, Joanna Tokarska Bakir, Gdańskie Wydawnictwo Psychologiczne, Gdańsk 2005. Jakubowska H. Sociology of the body. Wydawnictwo Naukowe UAM, Poznań 2009. Łaciak B., Obyczajowość polska czasu transformacji, czyli wojna postu z karnawał, Trio, Warsaw 2005. ch.1 and ch.3. Mauss M., O technikach posługania się ciał w: Anthropology of Spectacles, Warsaw 2005. Shilling Ch., Sociology of the Body, transl. M. Skowrońska, Wydawnictwo Naukowe PWN, Warsaw 2010.	

	Supplementary literature	A2. Literature studied independently by the student_ Agrawal P., Discovering Motherhood. Pregnancy, Childbirth, Postpartum and Newborn Care. In harmony with Nature. Wrocław 2008. Arcimowicz K., The male body in contemporary culture in: Corpus delicti, the delightful body, Sketches not only from the sociology of the body, p.122-145 Bakhtin M., Images of the material-body pit in Rabelais' novel, in Anthropology of the body..., op.cit. p.17-27. Bourdieu P. The forms of capital. [in] Richardson J.G. (ed.) Handbook of Theory and Research for the Sociology of Education. Greenwood Press.
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	To carry out a research project based on qualitative methods that will address the issue of social reception of corporeality.	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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