

Subject card

Subject name and code	The sociology of secrecy, PG_00176701						
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		1.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		credit		
Conducting unit							
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr hab. Daniel Wicenty				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	0.0	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20
	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	20		0.0		5.0	25
Subject objectives	Sensitizing students with hiding, disclosing, manipulation and lying as a crucial social phenomena. Sensitizing students with formal/informal aspects of social life. Deepening the sociological imagination. Deepening analytical skills. Sensitizing students with the information credibility and thw ways of verifying it						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[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.	The graduate has in-depth knowledge and understanding of different types of informal and formal social bonds formed in different types of groups, social networks and societies, and the regularities governing their change.	[SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SW3] text preparation/written work
	[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	The graduate is able to use theoretical knowledge from different streams of sociology and acquire data to analyse specific social processes and phenomena related to covert organizations.	[SU3] text preparation/written work
	[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 has advanced knowledge of ethical and moral norms of social life, with particular emphasis on secret organizations and covert groups.	[SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SW5] implementation of a problem task
	[SOCL3_K01] The graduate is ready to lifelong learning	The graduate is prepared to lifelong learning.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SK8] observation of student's independent or team work
	[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	The student is able to analyze current social phenomena in the context of knowledge about the mechanisms of secret organizations and situations of secrecy.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SU3] text preparation/written work
	[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	The student has advanced knowledge of various types of covert structures and institutions.	[SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SW3] text preparation/written work [SW5] implementation of a problem task
	[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 advanced knowledge of the human being as a subject constituting social structures, the principles of their functioning, and acting within these structures.	[SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SW3] text preparation/written work
Subject contents	An analysis of a given phenomena discussed in the lecture part of the subject (including conspiracy theories, secrecy in everyday life, secrecy as a organizational feature, micro case studies, ad hoc analyses)		
Prerequisites and co-requisites	Successful choice of specialty Sociology in action. Basic sociological knowledge on interactions, groups and organizations.		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	grade for the written work	50.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	G.T. Marx, <i>Notes On The Discovery, Collection, And Assessment of Hidden and Dirty Data</i> , in J. Schneider, J. Kitsuse, eds., <i>Studies in the Sociology of Social Problems</i> ; free access here: https://web.mit.edu/gtmarx/www/dirty.html	
	Supplementary literature	Gary T. Marx texts' on secrecy, surveillance - free access here https://web.mit.edu/gtmarx/www/garyhome.html#online Secrecy and Society: free access texts of the journal here: https://scholarworks.sjsu.edu/secrecyandsociety/	

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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	sociological study on a given fraud	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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