

Subject card

Subject name and code	Contemporary Social Problems, PG_00177043						
Field of study	Sociology						
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 Humanistic-social 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	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						
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		4.0		41.0	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
	[SOCMU2_U01] The graduate is able to interpret social phenomena and relations between them using sociological concepts and sociological imagination	The graduate is able to interpret social phenomena and relations between them using sociological concepts and sociological imagination.	[SU5] implementation of a problem task
	[SOCMU2_W03] The graduate has in-depth knowledge of the relationship between micro- and macro-, national- and international social structures and institutions in different cultural contexts in the fields of private life, work, politics, civil society, etc	The student has in-depth knowledge of the relationships between micro and macro social structures and institutions, both nationally and internationally, in the context of the most significant contemporary challenges.	[SW5] implementation of a problem task
	[SOCMU2_W01] The graduate has advanced knowledge of social sciences their place in the system of sciences and relations to other sciences and common knowledge, he/she can determine specificity of sociology as a science in relation to its history, functions, subject matter and tasks, he/she can distinguish thematic areas of sociology common with other disciplines of social sciences and knows various theoretical and methodological approaches in sociology, he/she is prepared to undertake interdisciplinary cooperation in the field of social sciences and cooperation with various social institutions	The student has advanced knowledge of social sciences, their place in the system of sciences, and their relationship to other sciences and common knowledge. The student defines the specificity of sociology as a science in relation to the tools used by this discipline to analyze contemporary issues and the challenges they present.	[SW5] implementation of a problem task
	[SOCMU2_W09] The graduate has in-depth knowledge and understanding of various views on social life, and selected social structures and institutions expressed in the everyday world, public and scientific discourse, knows the directions of their historical evolution and the dynamics and consequences of conflicts on this background	The student has an in-depth understanding of various perspectives on social life and selected social structures and institutions, as expressed in everyday life, public discourse, and scientific discourse, in relation to contemporary world issues.	[SW5] implementation of a problem task
	[SOCMU2_W04] 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	The graduate has in-depth knowledge and understanding of different types of informal and formal social bonds formed in global society.	[SW5] implementation of a problem task
	[SOCMU2_W08] The graduate has in-depth knowledge and understanding of multidirectional changes in the range of various social structures and institutions and their elements, has knowledge about the causes, course and consequences of these changes in the micro- and macrosocial scale and in the global scale	The graduate has in-depth knowledge and understanding of multidirectional changes in the range of various social structures and institutions and their elements, has knowledge about the causes, course and consequences of these changes in the micro- and macrosocial scale and in the global scale.	[SW5] implementation of a problem task
	[SOCMU2_U10] The graduate is able to prepare and deliver an oral presentation in Polish and English on a chosen issue in the field of sociology making good use of a chosen theoretical perspective and research methods, and drawing on the achievements of other disciplines in the field of social sciences	The student is able to prepare and deliver a presentation that reports on the completion of a problem-solving task.	[SU5] 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	Holding a bachelor's degree. General knowledge of the modern world.		
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	50.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	Kolejne edycje: The Global Risk Report	
	Supplementary literature	brak	
	eResources addresses		
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed			
Work placement	Not applicable		

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