

Subject card

Subject name and code	The city as a space of social innovation, PG_00179429						
Field of study	Sociology						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject		2026/2027		
Education level	Master'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	3		ECTS credits		2.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		credit		
Conducting unit							
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr hab. Jarosław Załęcki				
	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		4.0		16.0	50
Subject objectives	Using concrete examples, students will critically analyse the issues that fall under the umbrella of New Urbanism, which seeks to restore the importance and shape of public space in harmony with human well-being, the creation and maintenance of social bonds and the construction of a unique urban identity. We will be interested in the processes of reclaiming the right to the city - and therefore the development of participation and subjectivity by different groups. Students will discuss a variety of urban practices and discuss issues related to the participation of sociologists in shaping space						

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	Be able to interpret social phenomena and processes occurring in contemporary cities using concepts from urban sociology	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SU2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[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	Knows and understands the nature of the multidirectional changes taking place in contemporary agglomerations with particular reference to new technologies and trends in spatial management (including smart city)	[SW2] presentation/project/paper/report [SW5] implementation of a problem task
	[SOCMU2_U08] The graduate is able to analyse and understand many current social phenomena in the context of knowledge about the mechanisms of human activity, the impact of a group on an individual, the processes of change in Polish, European and world society, and is able to relate his/her understanding of these phenomena to theoretical explanations and results of social research	Be able to analyse and understand a range of current social phenomena in the context of spatial variation in the city, the impact of diverse architectural forms on social bonds and relationships	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SU2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[SOCMU2_K02] The graduate is ready to cooperate effectively and assume various roles in a group	Is ready to work together in a group to present innovative solutions taking place in the city space	[SK2] presentation/project/paper/report [SK8] observation of student's independent or team work
	[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	Be able to prepare and present a selected issue on social innovation in the city	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[SOCMU2_W02] The graduate has advanced knowledge of 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, knows the differences in the principles of functioning of social, public and commercial organisations	Has advanced knowledge of the various actors (institutions, organisations) influencing the shaping and management of urban space	[SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SW2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[SOCMU2_U03] The graduate is able to analyse the causes and course of social processes and phenomena, to formulate his/her own opinions on the subject, to formulate research hypotheses and to verify them using the methods of sociological research	Be able to analyse the causes and course of social processes and phenomena occurring in the urbanised environment, formulate own opinions on the subject.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SU2] presentation/project/paper/report

Subject contents	Sources of urban crisis and the paradigm of sustainable development in the transformation of contemporary cities Processes of metropolisation and globalisation in city space City management actors involved in shaping city space New Urbanism as a remedy for urban crisis situations The Smart City concept - opportunities and threats Participation methods in spatial planning and the role of urban movements Research on the quality of life in the city Public space as a common good - old and new spaces The concept of the green city Culture and art in the city space		
Prerequisites and co-requisites	Completed first year of second cycle studies		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	opracowanie prezentacji oraz udział w dyskusji	51.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	A. Majer. Socjologia i przestrzeń miejska, PWN, 2019	
		B. Jałowiecki, M. Szczepański, Miasto i przestrzeń w perspektywie socjologicznej, Scholar 2010	

	Supplementary literature	S. Gzell, Urbanistyka XXI wieku, PWN, 2020 Ch. Montgomery. Miasto szczęśliwe. Jak zmienić nasze życie zmieniając nasz miasto. Wyd. Wysoki zamek, 2015 P. Krysiński, Smart city w przestrzeni informacyjnej, Wyd. UMK, 2020 D. Gotlib, R. Olszewski, Smart city. Innowacyjne przestrzenie w zarządzaniu inteligentnym miastem, PWN, 2016 W. Lutek, Z. Pastuszak, J. Banaś, Smart city. Innowacyjny system zarządzania logistyką zwrótną w gospodarce odpadami komunalnymi. Wyd. UMCS, 2017 M. Banach, Od inteligentnego transportu do inteligentnych miast, PWN, 2020 M. Dymnicka, Przestrzeń publiczna a przemiany miasta, Scholar, 2013 P. Kubicki. Ruchy miejskie w Polsce. NOMOS, 2020 A. Mejer, Miasto według socjologii. Wybrane teksty, Wyd. UŁ, 2020
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	What are the main barriers hindering the introduction of innovation in the Polish urban space in line with the sustainable development paradigm	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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