

Subject card

Subject name and code	Urban sociology, PG_00176579						
Field of study	Sociology						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026		Academic year of realisation of subject		2026/2027		
Education level	Bachelor's studies		Subject group		Obligatory subject group in the field of study 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	2		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	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		0.0		20.0	50
Subject objectives	The aim of the course is to familiarise students with the basic orientations of the analysis of processes occurring in urban areas the school of social ecology, interactionism, humanistic, historical and structural-functional orientations. The scientific and research output concerning the mechanisms of urban formation, development and revitalisation will be transferred. Issues related to social pathology in urban space, neighbourhood ties in large agglomerations, the problem of urban centres and contemporary urbanisation processes will be discussed.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[SOCL3_U12] The graduate is ready to lifelong learning	demonstrates a lifelong readiness to observe and analyse urban phenomena	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[SOCL3_U07] The graduate is able to analyse proposed solutions to a specific problem in sociology and decide on appropriate solutions	is able to analyse proposed solutions to a specific problem from the sub-discipline of urban sociology and decide on appropriate solutions.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[SOCL3_U04] The graduate is able to forecast social processes and phenomena on the basis of sociological knowledge using sociological research methods	is able to forecast social processes and phenomena occurring in urban space on the basis of sociological knowledge using sociological research methods	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[SOCL3_U03] The graduate is able to analyse the causes and course of social processes and phenomena	is able to analyse the causes and course of urbanisation processes and social phenomena in cities	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[SOCL3_U01] The graduate is able to interpret social phenomena using sociological concepts and sociological imagination	is able to interpret social phenomena in the city using concepts from the fields of urban sociology and urban planning	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[SOCL3_W03] The graduate knows and understands in an advanced way the relationships between the relationship between micro and macro social structures and institutions, on a national and international scale in the fields of private life, work, politics, civil society, etc	has an advanced understanding of the relationships between social structures and institutions that have a significant impact on the shaping and management of urban space	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[SOCL3_W08] The graduate knows and understands in an advanced way the character and directions of the most significant changes in the scope of social structures and institutions and their elements, he/she has knowledge about the causes, course and consequences of these changes on a micro- and macro-social scale and on a global scale	Understands to an advanced degree the nature and directions of contemporary changes in urban spaces, and has knowledge of the causes, course and consequences of changes to urban spaces.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[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	Has advanced knowledge of the different types of social structures and institutions that have a real impact on urban policy and how to shape friendly urban spaces	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written

Subject contents	Introductory issues urban sociology as a scientific discipline The genesis of cities the stages of development of urban civilisation in the ancient period. The development of cities in Europe, including Poland in the medieval period. Definition of a city and theoretical and methodological positions used in the analysis of a city. The process of urbanisation Types of urbanisation, effects of urbanisation processes. Trends in urbanisation changes in the contemporary world metropolises of the future, Smart City. Urbanisation process in the USA genesis and socio-cultural conditions. Suburbs, slums, ghettos and campuses as settlement units Urban and architectural utopias Le Corbusier (founder of modernism) The role, functions and types of urban centres and public spaces. Directives for the planning (or reconstruction) of central areas Sociology of space: perception and valorisation of space, valorisation criteria for the evaluation of places and spaces), the process of producing and assimilating space Sustainable urban development from urban crisis to sustainable development paradigm Neighbourhood relations in the urban environment types of neighbourhood, bonding factors in the place of residence. Social and architectural innovations in urban space New Urbanism, compact spaces, 15 minute cities.		
Prerequisites and co-requisites	no entry requirements		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	egzamin pisemny / test	51.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	B. Jałowiecki, M. Szczepański. Miasto i przestrzeń w perspektywie socjologicznej, Warszawa 2006	

	Supplementary literature	J. Gehl, B. Svarre. Jak studiować życie w przestrzeni publicznej, Warszawa 2021 D. Wantuch Matla. Przestrzeń publiczna 2.0. Miasto u progu XXI wieku, Łódź 2016 T. Markowski. Zarządzanie rozwojem miast. Warszawa 1999 B. Jałowiecki. Społeczna przestrzeń metropolii, Warszawa 2000 A. Wallis. Socjologia przestrzeni, Warszawa 1990 A. Wallis. Informacja i gwar. Warszawa 1979 A. Wallis. Miasto i przestrzeń. Warszawa 1977 M. Dymnicka. Przestrzeń publiczna a przemiany miasta, Warszawa 2013 L. Benevolo. Miasto w dziejach Europy. Warszawa 1995 W. Pęski. Zarządzanie zrównoważonym rozwojem miast. Warszawa 1999 M. Castells. Kwestia miejska. Warszawa 1992 G. Węclawowicz. Geografia społeczna miast. Zróżnicowania społeczno-przestrzenne. Warszawa 2003 J. Załęcki. Przestrzeń społeczna Gdańska. Studium socjologiczne. Gdańsk 2002 J. Załęcki. Gdańsk w oglądzie socjologicznym. Gdańsk 2020
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	In urban planning, the vertical and horizontal perspectives play an important role in: 1) the life-cycle concept 2) the triadic concept of capital 3) the concept of path dependency	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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