

Subject card

Subject name and code	Introduction to social work, PG_00151340						
Field of study	Social Work						
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 practical vocational preparation		
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			2.0		
Learning profile	practical	Assessment form			credit		
Conducting unit	Division of Social Pedagogy -> Institute of Education -> Faculty of Social Sciences -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Tomasz Nowicki				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	45.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	45
	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	45		0.0		5.0	50
Subject objectives	Presentation of the evolution of social welfare systems in the context of the development of Western European civilization. Showing the determinants of the birth of modern social work in the perspective of Historical. Showing the elements convergent in past and contemporary forms of help In the field of contemporary social work presentation of basic concepts in the field of social work, location of social work in the field of social sciences and familiarization with theoretical, methodological and epistemological sources of the subdiscipline.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[PRACSOCL3_W07] will gain and advanced understanding norms and rules organizing selected social structures and institutions	knows what basic norms and rules organize social structures and institutions, in particular, within the framework of the policy and social assistance system, as they are reflected in the development of social work models,	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[PRACSOCL3_U05] is able to use normative systems and selected standards and rules (legal, professional, ethical) properly in order to solve a specific task within the scope of fields of science and scientific disciplines, characteristic for social work	correctly uses normative systems and standards and legal and ethical rules, applying the principles of professional ethics of the employee social security, i.e. is able to design activities that take into account respect for dignity, freedom and social justice, can combine this with the models of social work in an ethical context, is able to critically evaluate the in normative terms, professional action, employee's action and define the paradoxes of this action	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
[PRACSOCL3_W01] knows and understands to an advanced degree the nature of social science and its place in the system of sciences	is able to determine the place and nature of social sciences, including work social society in relation to pedagogy, andragogy, sociology, psychology, knowledge, what theories does social work as a sub-discipline use in describing man as a of an individual, functioning in a complex social structure, knows from which areas social work in the direction of defining norms and ethical principles of action professional skills, knows the basic concepts in the field of social work and pedagogy Social	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written	
Subject contents	<p>The prehistory of care care solutions in Babylon and ancient Egypt, social assistance in ancient Greece and Rome, self-help in Christian communities. "Res sacra miser" the development of welfare institutions in the Middle Ages, modern ideological trends as an important factor in the evolution of welfare institutions in Europe, liberalism, pietism and socialism new concepts of social welfare in the 17th and 18th centuries, class struggle or social solidarity? the social question in Catholic Social Teaching.</p> <p>Welfare solutions in Poland the evolution of the system (the nature of social assistance during the partitions, social assistance in the interwar period, war as a test for Polish welfare institutions). Social work in the context of other social sciences and humanities. Globalization processes and social work. Education for social work in Poland and Europe. Professionalization of the profession of a social worker. Models of social work. Ethical aspects of subsidiarity areas of emergence of mora dilemmas</p>		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
		51.0%	100.0%

Recommended reading	Basic literature	Beckett Ch, 2012, Fundamentals of Theory for Social Work Practitioners, Warsaw Butrym Z., 1998, The Essence of Social Work, Kraków Caritas, Mercy and Social Care in Ideology, Norms of Conduct of Religious Communities in the Republic of Poland of the 16th-18th Centuries, ed. U. Augustyniak, A. Karpiński, Warsaw 1999. Social pedagogy. Podręcznik akademicki 2006 (ed.) Marynowicz-Hetka, Warszawa Geremek, (1989), Mercy and the Gallows. The History of Poverty and Mercy, Warsaw Granosik M. 2006. The professional dimension of social work. Katowice Grey M. Red, 2012, Social work. Theories and methods. Warsaw. Social professions in Europe. From the problems of education and action. 2001. (eds) Marynowicz Hetka E., Wagner A., Piekarski J., Łódź Kaźmierczak T., Łuczyńska M. 1998. Introduction to social welfare. Katowice Skidmore R., Thackeray M. 1998. Introduction to social work. Katowice
	Supplementary literature	Barbier J-M., 2006, Action in education and social work. Analysis of approaches Katowice, Elementary Concepts of Social Pedagogy and Social Work, 1999, (eds) Lalak D., Pilch T., Warsaw Giddens A., 2010, Sociology, Warsaw, Mikołajewicz W., 1995, Social work as an educational activity, Katowice, Trawkowska D., 2006, Portrait of a contemporary social worker. Sociological study, Katowice
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Basic concepts in social work. The professional dimension of social work. History of subsidiarity	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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