

Subject card

Subject name and code	Methodology of social research, PG_00202199						
Field of study	Socio-economic geography with elements of GIS						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026	Academic year of realisation of subject			2026/2027		
Education level	Master'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	1	ECTS credits			5.0		
Learning profile	academic	Assessment form			exam		
Conducting unit	Division of Socio-Economic Geography -> Institute of Socio-Economic Geography and Spatial Management -> Faculty of Social Sciences -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr hab. Maja Grabkowska				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	30.0	30.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	60
	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	60		8.0		57.0	125
Subject objectives	To familiarise students with qualitative and quantitative methods of social research, applied and useful in the field of socio-economic geography						
Learning outcomes	Course outcome		Subject outcome		Method of verification		
	[GSEMU2_K01] is ready to critically assess knowledge and received content in the field of socio-economic geography and Geographic Information Systems		verifies, reports and justifies the qualitative and quantitative results obtained by himself/herself/ themselves and by others		[SK2] presentation/project/paper/report		
	[GSEMU2_U03] selects and applies appropriate social research methods (including statistical and cartographic ones) and research tools with particular emphasis on information technologies and GIS software		builds the research process according to the methodology appropriate to socio-economic geography and selects appropriate quantitative and qualitative methods for the study		[SU2] presentation/project/paper/report		
	[GSEMU2_U04] adapts existing research tools and methods to solve complex and unusual problems occurring in the anthropogenic environment		develops appropriate combinations of quantitative and qualitative methods and transforms known methods according to a given problem related to assumed and atypical environmental phenomena		[SU2] presentation/project/paper/report [SU4] test/exam - oral or written		
	[GSEMU2_W04] recognises in-depth methods and tools (quantitative, qualitative, cartographic) of research in socio-economic geography		lists the stages of the research process based on quantitative and qualitative methods used in socio-economic geography		[SW4] test/exam - oral or written		

Subject contents	<p>A. The lecture</p> <p>A1. Introduction to the methodology of social research A2. Structure of the research process A3. Qualitative social research methods A4. Quantitative social research methods</p> <p>B. The practicals</p> <p>B1. Preparation for conducting research using qualitative and quantitative methods on a selected topic in human geography B2. Conducting research, analysis and interpretation of results B3. Presentation of research results in written and oral form in class</p>											
Prerequisites and co-requisites	basic knowledge of social geography, statistics and mathematics											
Assessment methods and criteria	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="448 763 794 797">Subject passing criteria</th> <th data-bbox="794 763 1141 797">Passing threshold</th> <th data-bbox="1141 763 1487 797">Percentage of the final grade</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="448 797 794 831">team project</td> <td data-bbox="794 797 1141 831">51.0%</td> <td data-bbox="1141 797 1487 831">40.0%</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="448 831 794 869">test</td> <td data-bbox="794 831 1141 869">51.0%</td> <td data-bbox="1141 831 1487 869">60.0%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade	team project	51.0%	40.0%	test	51.0%	60.0%
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Recommended reading	Basic literature	Babbie E. 2013. Podstawy badan społecznych. Wydawnictwo Naukowe PWN, Warszawa. Silverman D., 2018. Prowadzenie badan jakościowych. PWN, Warszawa.										
	Supplementary literature	Crang M., Cook I., 2007. Doing Ethnographies. London: Sage. Denzin N., Lincoln Y.S., 2009. Metody badan jakościowych, Wydawnictwo Naukowe PWN, Warszawa. Flick U., 2010. Projektowanie badania jakościowego. Wydawnictwo Naukowe PWN, Warszawa. Grabkowska M., 2011. Inner-city Transformations After Socialism. Findings from Interviews with Residents of Pre-war Tenement Houses in Gdansk. Bulletin of Geography. Socio-economic Series, 15, 117-129. Grabkowska M., 2018. Urban space as a commons in print media discourse in Poland after 1989, Cities, 71, 22-29. Kvale S., 2010. Prowadzenie wywiadów. Wydawnictwo Naukowe PWN, Warszawa. Nowak S., 2011. Metodologia badan społecznych, Wydawnictwo Naukowe PWN, Warszawa. Silverman, D., 2008. Interpretacja danych jakościowych. Wydawnictwo Naukowe PWN, Warszawa.										
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed												
Work placement	Not applicable											

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