

Subject card

Subject name and code	Public Opinion (Classes), PG_00206675						
Field of study	Journalism and Social Communication						
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		
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		1.0		
Learning profile	practical		Assessment form		credit		
Conducting unit							
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		mgr Mikołaj Janiak				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	0.0	15.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15
	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	15		3.0		7.0	25
Subject objectives	The aim of the course is to familiarize students with public opinion issues that are necessary for the work of a journalist and other professions related to the media.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[DZiKSMU2_U01] The student is able to select sources correctly and use research methods appropriate for the research workshop of a communicator and media expert, as well as effectively select information in order to solve a task formulated by themselves or others.	Is able to correctly select sources and use appropriate research methods to define issues related to public opinion	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SU8] observation of student's independent or team work
	[DZiKSMU2_U03] He/she is able to formulate and solve research problems including the analysis of the works of other authors, the synthesis of various ideas and views, the selection of methods and construction of research tools, development and presentation of results using advanced information and communication techniques, allowing for original solving of complex problems in the field of social communication sciences and media.	Is able to solve research problems in the field of opinions and present them in a communicative way	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
	[DZiKSMU2_U09] He/she knows a foreign language at the B2 + level according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages and has the ability to communicate in it in terms of the specificity and terminology appropriate for the field of journalism and social communication.	Is able to communicate in a foreign language to communicatively present phenomena related to public opinion	[SU8] observation of student's independent or team work
	[DZiKSMU2_U04] He/she is able to independently identify and solve problems characteristic of media and media-related activities; select means and methods of work adequate to the proper performance of professional tasks.	Is able to independently select working methods in order to explain phenomena in the field of public opinion	[SU5] implementation of a problem task
	[DZiKSMU2_U10] He/she is able to cooperate and work in a group, set and achieve common goals, assume various roles in the team, including managerial ones.	Is able to cooperate in a group to carry out tasks in the field of public opinion research and analysis	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
	[DZiKSMU2_W03] He/she has indepth knowledge of the methods and theories relevant to media studies and the dependencies existing between them, as well as knowledge of other scientific disciplines that provide theoretical and practical foundation for an advanced analysis of issues relevant to the journalism and social communication programme.	Has knowledge of public opinion research methods	[SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
	[DZiKSMU2_W06] He/she has an in-depth knowledge of the processes of social communication development and media systems of various countries and understands their conditions and principles of functioning.	Has extended knowledge of the processes of shaping public opinion	[SW2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[DZiKSMU2_K04] He/she is ready to think and act in an entrepreneurial manner.	Can actively use knowledge of public opinion	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SK5] implementation of a problem task
Subject contents	Features of public opinion. Stages of public opinion formation. Stereotype and its social functions. Spiral of silence. Agenda setting hypothesis. Public opinion research and the so-called "survey democracy". Public opinion and new media.		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	active participation, project	51.0%	100.0%

Recommended reading	Basic literature	Lippmann W., Public opinion, Kraków 2020. Młyniec E., Public opinion. elements of political theory and practice, Toruń, 2015. Nowak-Teter E., Public opinion online, Lublin 2023.
	Supplementary literature	https://www.ipsos.com/pl-pl/news-and-events/overview
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Choose one of the socially functioning stereotypes, present its method of media representation in a similar way to what was discussed in class. Analyze the phenomenon taking into account- historical context and stereotype formation- factors reinforcing the stereotype (institutional and non-institutional)- social consequences of the functioning of the stereotype (for the stereotyped group and for outsiders)	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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