



Subject card

Subject name and code	Soil - Structure Interaction in the Design of Support Structures, PG_00066974						
Field of study	Smart Renewable Energy Engineering						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026	Academic year of realisation of subject				2026/2027	
Education level	second-cycle studies	Subject group				Specialty 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	1	Language of instruction				English	
Semester of study	2	ECTS credits				2.0	
Learning profile	general academic profile	Assessment form				assessment	
Conducting unit	Department of Geotechnical and Hydraulic Engineering -> Faculty of Civil and Environmental Engineering -> Faculties of Gdańsk University of Technology						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor	dr inż. Jakub Konkol					
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	10.0	20.0	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	Learning basic design methods and soil-structure interactions for offshore wind foundations.						
Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome			Method of verification		
	[K7_U02] is capable of creating and analyzing digital models of renewable energy systems, including wind power systems, and utilizes digital tools for project analysis, evaluation, supervision, and optimization	Basic knowledge in optimization techniques and big data in geotechnical site investigation and offshore pile design.			[SU4] Assessment of ability to use methods and tools [SU1] Assessment of task fulfilment		
	[K7_K02] recognizes technological innovations in the field of wind energy, is ready to adapt to and implement new technologies in energy systems	Basic knowledge in analytical and numerical methods in foundation design. Application of machine learning in support of foundation design and soil parameters estimation.			[SK2] Assessment of progress of work [SK5] Assessment of ability to solve problems that arise in practice		
	[K7_W04] knows the specifics of designing, constructing, and operating onshore/offshore wind farms, as well as the technical and logistical challenges involved in their implementation, including measurement and diagnostic technologies	Design standards and methods, soil parameters and calculation methods used in soil-structure interaction and bearing capacity of foundations.			[SW1] Assessment of factual knowledge [SW2] Assessment of knowledge contained in presentation [SW3] Assessment of knowledge contained in written work and projects		
Subject contents	Course content – lecture 1. <i>Basic physical and mechanical properties of soil.</i> 2. <i>Soil drillings and samplings for lab testing in offshore and nearshore projects.</i> 3. <i>Site investigation for offshore wind development. Examples of soil characterization reports for offshore projects.</i> 4. <i>Types of foundations used in offshore wind farms (OWF).</i> 5. <i>Design methods used in OWF: p-y curves and PISA model.</i> 6. <i>Soil constitutive behavior overview</i> 7. <i>Example of monopole foundation design using p-y curves: calculation of bearing capacity and displacements.</i>						
Prerequisites and co-requisites	Basic knowledge and skills related to soil mechanics, concrete structures, steel structures, applied mechanics and structural mechanics.						

Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
		exercises - short technical problems	50.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	<p><i>Randolph, M., Gourvenec, S., White, D., & Cassidy, M. (2017) Offshore Geotechnical Engineering</i></p> <p><i>Jardine, R., Chow, F., Overy, R., & Standing, J. (2005). ICP design methods for driven piles in sands and clays (Vol. 112). London: Thomas Telford.</i></p> <p><i>Arany, L., Bhattacharya, S., Macdonald, J., & Hogan, S. J. (2017). Design of monopiles for offshore wind turbines in 10 steps. Soil Dynamics and Earthquake Engineering, 92, 126-152.</i></p> <p><i>DNV-OS-J101-Design of offshore wind turbine structures. Copenhagen, Denmark: DNV</i></p>	
	Supplementary literature	<p><i>Reese, L. C., Cox, W. R., and Koop, F. D. (1974). Analysis of Laterally Loaded Piles in Sand. Proceedings of the 6th Annual Offshore Technology Conference, OTC 2080.</i></p> <p><i>Cai, Y., Wu, T., Guo, L., & Wang, J. (2018). Stiffness degradation and plastic strain accumulation of clay under cyclic load with principal stress rotation and deviatoric stress variation. Journal of Geotechnical and Geoenvironmental Engineering, 144(5), 04018021.</i></p> <p><i>Byrne, B. W., Burd, H. J., Zdravković, L., McAdam, R. A., Taborda, D. M., Housby, G. T., ... & Gavin, K. G. (2019). PISA: new design methods for offshore wind turbine monopiles. Revue Française de Géotechnique, (158), 3.</i></p>	
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed			
Practical activities within the subject	Not applicable		

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