GDAŃSK UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

Subject card

Subject name and code	Social Policy, PG_00073963		
Field of study	Economics		
Date of commencement of studies	October 2024	Academic year of realisation of subject	2026/2027
Education level	first-cycle studies	Subject group	Optional 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	3	Language of instruction	Polish
Semester of study	6	ECTS credits	6.0
Learning profile	general academic profile	Assessment form	assessment
Conducting unit	Department of Entrepreneurship and Institutional Environment -> Faculty of Management and Economics -> Faculties of Gdańsk University of Technology		
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor	dr inż. Anita Richert-Kaźmierska	
	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	10.0	80.0	150

Subject objectives

The course aims to introduce students to the theoretical foundations, objectives, actors and instruments of social policy, as well as its links with the functioning of the economy and the population's quality of life. It develops students' ability to identify and interpret social problems using data, analyse policy approaches adopted in Poland and selected European countries, and formulate well-founded proposals for action, taking account of their social implications, institutional context and financial constraints.

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[K6_K03] exhibits critical and analytical thinking skills and integrates knowledge from multiple disciplines while acting in an entrepreneurial manner.	The student analyses social problems by integrating knowledge from economics, sociology and social policy, and proposes solutions that take account of available resources and opportunities for collaboration between different actors.	[SK1] Assessment of group work skills [SK5] Assessment of ability to solve problems that arise in practice
[K6_W04] displays creative and entrepreneurial actions in identifying and solving innovative ideas.	The student develops innovative proposals to address selected social problems, making creative use of available resources and identifying opportunities to implement social initiatives.	[SW1] Assessment of factual knowledge [SW2] Assessment of knowledge contained in presentation

Subject contents

Course content – lecture

The nature and origins of social policy. Values, principles and models of social policy. Social policy actors, instruments and funding. Social needs assessment and the evaluation of public interventions. Poverty, inequality and social exclusion. Labour market policy. Social security. The pension system and income security in later life. Family and child policy. Education policy. Health policy. Housing policy. Policies on population ageing and disability. Social assistance and the development of social services. The European dimension and contemporary challenges of social policy.

Course content – exercises

Social needs and problems. Models of social policy in practice. Responsibility for addressing a social problem: mapping the actors involved. The availability and use of social data. Measuring poverty and inequality. Selecting labour market policy instruments. Protection against social risks. Pension system dilemmas. Family policy instruments. Educational inequalities. Access to healthcare. Access to housing. Supporting independent living. Designing local interventions to address social problems.

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<tr><td>team's tasks</td><td>60.0%</td><td>40.0%</td></tr>
<tr><td>presentation</td><td>60.0%</td><td>10.0%</td></tr>
<tr><td>written exam</td><td>60.0%</td><td>50.0%</td></tr>
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<tr><td rowspan="3">Recommended reading</td><td>Basic literature</td><td>Kowalczyk, O., Kamiński, S. (red.) (2021). Wymiary polityki społecznej. Wyd. 3, zaktualizowane. Wrocław: Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Ekonomicznego we Wrocławiu.

Bojanowska, E., Uścińska, G. (red.) (2021). Wybrane zagadnienia współczesnej polityki społecznej — między nauką a praktyką. Warszawa: Instytut Pracy i Spraw Socjalnych.

Grewiński, M. (2021). Usługi społeczne we współczesnej polityce społecznej. Przegląd problemów i wizja przyszłości. Warszawa: Dom Wydawniczy ELIPSA.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Supplementary literature</td><td>Bojanowska, E., Chaczko, K., Krzyszkowski, J., Zdebska, E. (red.) (2022). Pomoc społeczna. Idea - rozwój - instytucje. Warszawa: Wydawnictwo Naukowe PWN.

Auleytner, J., Grewiński, M. (red.) (2024). Nauka o polityce społecznej w Polsce. Stulecie powstania Polskiego Towarzystwa Polityki Społecznej 1924–2024. Warszawa: Dom Wydawniczy ELIPSA.

OECD (2024). Society at a Glance 2024: OECD Social Indicators. Paris: OECD Publishing. https://doi.org/10.1787/918d8db3-en</td></tr>
<tr><td>eResources addresses</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed</td><td colspan="2">What are the main models of social policy, and how do they differ in terms of the responsibilities of the state, the market and the family for meeting social needs?

Using selected data from Statistics Poland or Eurostat, describe the extent and patterns of poverty in Poland. Identify the limitations of the indicators used.

Propose measures to address a selected social problem in a municipality. Specify their objective, target groups, the organisations responsible for implementation and how the outcomes would be assessed.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Practical activites within the subject</td><td colspan="2">Not applicable</td></tr>
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