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Philosophy of Sustainability

Educational subject description sheet

Basic information

Field of study Joint Bachelor in Sustainability		Education cycle 2025/26	
Speciality Social Sciences & Humanities		Realization year 2026/27	
Organizational unit Faculty of Law and Administration		Subject code UJ.WPAJBSSSHS.88.16584.25	
Study level first cycle (joint degree programme)		Lecture languages english	
Study form full-time degree programme		Subject related to scientific research Yes	
Education profile General academic		Disciplines Philosophy	
Mandatory elective		ISCED classification 0223 Philosophy and ethics	
		USOS code	
Subject coordinator	Piotr Szwedo		
Lecturer	Michiru Nagatsu		
Period Semester 4	Examination graded credit	Number of ECTS points 3.0	
	Activities and hours Lecture: 10 Classes: 15		

Goals

C1	The aim is to familiarize students interactively with some of the new developments in philosophical theory and practice of sustainability. The students will learn theories and methods to comprehend the changes of the world, to understand and be open to transform the self, and to develop new visions and values together with others.
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Subject's learning outcomes

Code	Outcomes in terms of	Effects	Examination methods
Knowledge - Student knows and understands:			
W1	macro-theories of societal changes and is able to refer to them in the context of contemporary sustainability challenges.	JBS_K1_W01, JBS_K1_W02, JBS_K1_W07	credit with grade, essay
Skills - Student can:			
U1	identify blind spots (i.e., certain possibilities obscured by cognitive and conceptual frames adopted) in sustainability discourses they are exposed in academic and in popular media, and able to explain to non-specialist what is wrong with such discourses and what alternatives exist.	JBS_K1_U01, JBS_K1_U02	credit with grade, learning dairies
Social competences - Student is ready for:			
K1	to learn from others, let oneself be transformed by what s/he learned, and engage with others in co-creating new perspectives and values.	JBS_K1_K03, JBS_K1_K04	credit with grade, learning dairies
K2	to face the challenges of sustainability with motivation and orientation	JBS_K1_K01, JBS_K1_K02	credit with grade, learning dairies

Calculation of ECTS points

Activity form	Activity hours*
Lecture	10
Classes	15
essay preparation	28
preparation for classes	36
Student workload	Hours 89
	ECTS 3.0

* hour means 45 minutes

Study content

No.	Course content	Subject's learning outcomes
1.	What is sustainability? Theories of "The end of the world"; collapse (in person)	W1, U1
2.	Human-nature relationship; Niche construction theory; Systems theory; complexity (in person)	W1, U1
3.	Facts and values in sustainability science (in person)	W1, U1
4.	Sustainability virtues; how to think, feel, imagine and act (in person)	W1, U1, K1, K2

No.	Course content	Subject's learning outcomes
5.	Sustainability research ethic: theories and methods for engaged research (in person)	W1, U1, K1, K2
6.	Follow-up meeting (online) 1: selecting one's essay topic based on readings	W1, U1, K1, K2
7.	Follow-up meeting (online) 2: developing essays workshop	W1, U1, K1, K2
8.	Follow-up meeting (online) 3: presentations of preliminary results	W1, U1, K1, K2

Course advanced

Teaching methods :

text analysis, brainstorming, conversation lecture, lecture with multimedia presentation, case study, gamification

Activities	Examination methods	Credit conditions
Lecture	credit with grade, learning dairies	Active participation and regular learning dairies are required to submit the final essay. The final essay score of above 60% will receive a passing grade.
Classes	credit with grade, essay	Active participation and regular learning dairies are required to submit the final essay. The final essay score of above 60% will receive a passing grade.

Entry requirements

None

Literature

Obligatory

1. Armstrong, D. (2014) Seducing ourselves: Understanding public denial in a declining complex society
2. Stengers, I. (2018) Another science is possible: A manifesto for slow science
3. Danowski, D. and Viveiros de Castro, E. (2017) The ends of the world
4. Ingold, T. (2024) The rise and fall of generation now

Effects

Code	Content
JBS_K1_K01	The graduate can encourage sustainability-driven practices in the workplace and appraise sustainability of own values, perceptions, roles, and actions, with a special focus on environmental wellbeing.
JBS_K1_K02	The graduate can demonstrate considerable entrepreneurial initiative, autonomy, and readiness to act in complex and changing environments, especially in the context of supporting, undertaking, and co-organising activities beneficial for a sustainable society.
JBS_K1_K03	The graduate can consider different visions of the future and develop own evidence-based opinions in reference to the balance of values linked to economic development, social welfare, and environmental protection.
JBS_K1_K04	The graduate can critically assess and verbalize own competencies and skills related to different aspects of sustainability as well as their need for development.
JBS_K1_U01	The graduate can critically analyse academic literature, formulate research questions and conduct research under supervision.
JBS_K1_U02	The graduate can present and report knowledge, methodologies, ideas, problems and solutions, clearly and comprehensively, in different forms destined for different audiences – including discussions and debates which require defending a substantiated opinion, as well as conversations in a foreign language at the CEFR B2 level.
JBS_K1_W01	The graduate can describe the concept of sustainability and recognize the differences in relevant definitions, models and approaches.
JBS_K1_W02	The graduate can explain the axiological background of sustainability and summarize key stages of development of the concept.
JBS_K1_W07	The graduate can apply the theory and methodology of disciplines included in the selected specialisation track to sustainability-related problems, taking into consideration practical limitations such as protection of intellectual property.