

Research Methods in Social Studies

Educational subject description sheet

Basic information

Field of study TransAtlantic Studies		Education cycle 2021/22	
Speciality -		Subject code UJ.WSMTASS.220.5ca75b57a5020.21	
Organizational unit Faculty of International and Political Studies		Lecture languages english	
Study level second cycle		Subject related to scientific research Yes	
Study form full-time degree programme		Disciplines Sociology of science, Political science and administration	
Education profile General academic		ISCED classification 0312 Political sciences and civics, 0314 Sociology and cultural studies	
Mandatory obligatory		USOS code WSM.IASP-TRAS3.P2	
Subject coordinator	Garry Robson		
Lecturer	Garry Robson		

Period Semester 2	Examination assessment Activities and hours classes: 30	Number of ECTS points 5.0
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Goals

G1	The aim of the course is to provide knowledge and and proper skills to students so that they are able to discuss about and use various research methods and approaches in conducting their scientific research as well as to prepare students to be able to conducting independently academic research. After completing the course, Participants can use the methods and paradigms they have learned about in the analyses of selected political and social phenomena and present the results of their research in a structured, coherent way.
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Subject's learning outcomes

Code	Outcomes in terms of	Effects	Examination methods
Knowledge - Student knows and understands:			
W1	The student knows and understands the key elements of the research methodology used in social studies, with particular emphasis on the methods and paradigms applied in researching international policies and relations	TAS_K2_W01, TAS_K2_W02	credit with grade, project
W2	The student knows and understands the importance of various research approaches in conducting research in social and political studies.	TAS_K2_W01, TAS_K2_W02	credit with grade, project
W3	The student knows the main tools used to search for scientific information and its critical evaluation.	TAS_K2_W01, TAS_K2_W02	credit with grade, project
Skills - Student can:			
U1	Student is able to apply proper research methods and paradigms to the analyses of transatlantic political and social relations.	TAS_K2_U02, TAS_K2_U03, TAS_K2_U04	credit with grade, project
U2	Student is able to contact independent academic research and critically evaluate scientific information and other sources of knowledge.	TAS_K2_U02, TAS_K2_U03, TAS_K2_U04	project
U3	Student is able to present the results of their research in a structured, coherent way.	TAS_K2_U01, TAS_K2_U02, TAS_K2_U07	project
Social competences - Student is ready for:			
K1	Student is prepared to present their knowledge and viewpoint in public discussions / public speeches and can prepare both projects in a team and individually.	TAS_K2_K02, TAS_K2_K03	project

Calculation of ECTS points

Activity form	Activity hours*
classes	30
preparation of a project	30
preparation for exercises	30
preparation for final test	30
solving of test on e-learning platform	30
Student workload	Hours 150
	ECTS 5.0

* hour means 45 minutes

Study content

No.	Course content	Subject's learning outcomes
1.	introduction to research methods in social sciences; Searching and critical evaluation of information / the use of sources of knowledge; Research design / theme, conceptualization, operationalization / measurement; Theories and paradigms in academic research scientific; The logic and structure of academic communication; Content analysis; Experiments in research; Ethics and politics in research; Interviews / Surveys; Political science as an academic field; Ethnicity, race, multiculturalism as research categories in political and sciences; Discourse on cultural change.	W1, W2, W3, U1, U2, U3, K1

Course advanced

Teaching methods:

text analysis, project method, brainstorming, conversation lecture, lecture with multimedia presentation, discussion, e-learning methods

Activities	Examination methods	Credit conditions
classes	credit with grade, project	The written test covers the material discussed during the classes. It consists of open, semi-open and short questions. Team presentation of research projects. Presentations are evaluated according to the following criteria: methodological correctness and type of sources used, structure, logic and form of presentation, work input. Attendance is compulsory. 2 absences are allowed. 5 absences of more results in Active participation in the discussion based on read texts is expected.

Entry requirements

compulsory attendance

Literature

Obligatory

1. Earl Babbie, The Practice of Social Research, Cengage Learning, 2015

Optional

1. D. Silverman, Doing Qualitative Research, SAGE, 2010. S. Kvale, Doing Interviews, SAGE, 2008.

Effects

Code	Content
TAS_K2_W01	Absolwent zna i rozumie w pogłębiony sposób charakter, miejsce i znaczenie nauk społecznych, ich specyfikę przedmiotową i metodologiczną w systemie nauk, którą jest w stanie rozwijać i twórczo stosować w działalności profesjonalnej
TAS_K2_W02	Absolwent zna i rozumie w pogłębionym stopniu terminologię charakterystyczną dla relacji transatlantyckich oraz politologiczne, socjologiczne i kulturowe teorie służące analizie złożonych stosunków euroatlantyckich przełomu XX i XXI wieku
TAS_K2_U02	Absolwent potrafi wyszukiwać oraz dokonywać krytycznej analizy tekstów i dokumentów źródłowych odnoszących się do relacji transatlantyckich
TAS_K2_U03	Absolwent potrafi identyfikować podstawowe obszary współpracy oraz wyzwań w wymiarze politycznym, militarnym, społecznym i kulturowym w relacjach euroatlantyckich
TAS_K2_U04	Absolwent potrafi wykorzystywać wiedzę o stosunkach transatlantyckich do samodzielnej i twórczej analizy procesów zachodzących na arenie międzynarodowej
TAS_K2_U01	Absolwent potrafi prawidłowo analizować i wyjaśniać zachowania społeczne i kulturowe w życiu publicznym społeczeństw zachodnich
TAS_K2_U07	Absolwent potrafi samodzielnie przygotowywać złożone projekty społeczne inicjując je lub współpracując z innymi osobami w celu uzyskania jak najwyższej efektywności i jakości pracy
TAS_K2_K02	Absolwent jest gotów do odgrywania aktywnej roli w życiu społecznym poprzez wdrażanie pogłębionej wiedzy i umiejętności oraz skuteczne przekazywanie jej innym, a także umiejętnego korzystania z pomocy ekspertów
TAS_K2_K03	Absolwent jest gotów do uczestnictwa w przygotowaniu krajowych i międzynarodowych projektów społecznych uwzględniając aspekty prawne i kulturowe, jak również propagowania ich w konkretnych środowiskach