University of Silesia in Katowice

1.	Field of study	**International Studies in Political Science and Diplomacy**
2.	Faculty	Faculty of Social Sciences
3.	Academic year of entry	2024/2025 (winter term)
4.	Level of qualifications/degree	first-cycle studies
5.	Degree profile	general academic
6.	Mode of study	full-time

7.	**General information about the module**

Module name	**Research Metodology in Social Science**
Module code	W3-MS-S1-MBNS
Number of the ECTS credits	3
Language of instruction	Polish
Purpose and description of the content of education	The module aims to theoretically and practically familiarize students with the fundamental problems of applied research methodology in the social sciences. This resource includes the characteristics of scientific cognition, stages and schemes of research procedure, hypothesis formation and their confirmation. Students learn in detail about the typology and characteristics of research methods and techniques, the principles of organizing research, constructing research tools, determining a representative sample, as well as drafting a research report and formulating conclusions. The class also aims to sharpen analysis skills and implement the practical application of analytical models by encouraging students to think systematically about social science methods.
List of modules that must be completed before starting this module (if necessary)	not applicable

8.	**Learning outcomes of the module**

Code	Description	Learning outcomes of the programme	Level of competenc (scale 1-5)
MBNS_K01	The student is aware of the methodological peculiarities of the disciplines found in the social sciences, indicating the consequences of multi-paradigm.	MS_1_K01	2
MBNS_U01	The student can correctly identify and characterize the main research orientations and strategies used in social research methodology, formulate the research problem, and identify variables and operationalize them.	MS_1_U06	4
MBNS_U02	The student is able to construct appropriate research tools, select appropriate methods and techniques to solve a specific research problem, develop an effective research design, justify and defend it on scientific grounds, and formulate proper arguments and scientific evidence.	MS_1_U05 MS_1_U06	3 4
MBNS_W01	The student knows specialized terminology and principles of logical reasoning and prediction in science, scientific research organization, typologies of methods and techniques used in the social sciences and related disciplines, and ethical norms and principles.	MS_1_W03 MS_1_W07	3 2

9.	**Methods of conducting classes**

Code	Category	Name (description)
a03	Lecture methods / expository methods	Description

		a description of objects, phenomena, processes or people; it involves specifying the structure and characteristic features of the object, phenomenon, or process being described; it is usually accompanied by a demonstration of the described object or by its models, drawings, tables, charts, etc.; a description may take the form of an explanation, classification, justification or comparison
b07	Problem-solving methods	Activating methods: a case study *a comprehensive description of a phenomenon connected with the selected discipline; reflecting the reality, presenting the 'what', 'where' and 'how' of the phenomenon, i.e., all of its key aspects to be discussed in class; used as a reproduction, presentation, discussion or diagnosis of factors that shape the phenomenon or interact with it; an in-depth qualitative analysis and evaluation of a selected phenomenon*
d02	Programmed learning methods	Working with a programmed textbook *working with a textbook containing instructional material covering part of or the entire curriculum of the module as well as a formula for studying the content; includes working with a subject textbook, an atlas, a catalogue, a problem book, etc.*
f02	Methods of self-learning	Individual work with a text *searching for and acquiring new information using textbooks and other written sources (including their digital versions); searching for texts, selecting fragments for analysis/interpretation, using other texts to solve a problem related to the studied issue*

10.	Forms of teaching					

Code	Name	Number of hours	Assessment of the learning outcomes of the module	Learning outcomes of the module	Methods of conducting classes
W3-MS-S1-MBNS_C	practical classes	30	exam	MBNS_K01, MBNS_U01, MBNS_U02, MBNS_W01	a03, b07, d02, f02

11.	The student's work, apart from participation in classes, includes in particular:		

Code	Category	Name (description)	Is it part of the BUNA?
a01	Preparation for classes	Search for materials and review activities necessary for class participation *reviewing literature, documentation, tools and materials as well as the specifics of the syllabus and the range of activities indicated in it as required for full participation in classes*	No
a02	Preparation for classes	Literature reading / analysis of source materials *reading the literature indicated in the syllabus; reviewing, organizing, analyzing and selecting source materials to be used in class*	No
a03	Preparation for classes	Developing practical skills *activities involving the repetition, refinement and consolidation of practical skills, including those developed during previous classes or new skills necessary for the implementation of subsequent elements of the curriculum (as preparation for class participation)*	No
a04	Preparation for classes	Consulting materials complementary to those indicated in the syllabus *agreeing on materials complementary to those indicated in the syllabus, supporting the implementation of tasks resulting from or necessary for class participation*	No
b01	Consulting the curriculum and the organization of classes	Getting acquainted with the syllabus content *reading through the syllabus and getting acquainted with its content*	Yes
c01	Preparation for verification of learning outcomes	Determining the stages of task implementation contributing to the verification of learning outcomes *devising a task implementation strategy embracing the division of content, the range of activities, implementation time and/or the method(s) of obtaining the necessary materials and tools, etc.*	Yes

Information on the details of the module implementation in a given academic year can be found in the syllabus available in the USOS system: https://usosweb.us.edu.pl.