Title:	Contemporary family and its changes
Lecture hours:	30
Study period: (summer/winter)	winter/summer (depends on student's choice)
Number of credits:	6
Assessment methods:	essay
Language of instruction:	English
Prerequisites:	competent knowledge of English
Course content:	 Family changes – basing on the Polish case study: a) causes and direction of changes in marriage and family life; b) marriage and family – terminological findings in the context of contemporary socio-cultural changes. Alternative forms of marital-family life with special regard to: a) informal relationships; b) LAT relationships (Living Apart Together); c) a childless marriage by choice; d) a single parenthood by choice; e) homosexual relationships. Contemporary family against the challenges of modern times: a) dimensions of married and family life: maternity vs. paternity; b) the modern family in the face of a crisis; c) threats to the modern family; Areas and possibilities of the pedagogical support for the contemporary Polish family.
Learning outcomes:	 Getting basic knowledge about the types of bonds that occur in society, with particular emphasis on family, governing laws and existing disorders. Getting basic knowledge about alternative forms of married and family life. Understanding various dependencies in modern families and disorders occurring in them. Recognising moral problems and ethical dilemmas related to the contemporary family.
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