

Subject card

Subject name and code	European Competition Policy, PG_00119365						
Field of study	International Economic Relations						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2023	Academic year of realisation of subject				2025/2026	
Education level	Bachelor's studies	Subject group					
Mode of study	full-time studies	Mode of delivery				at the university	
Year of study	3	Language of instruction				Polish	
Semester of study	5	ECTS credits				2.0	
Learning profile	academic	Assessment form				exam	
Conducting unit	Department of Transport Policy and Economic Integration -> Faculty of Economics -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Adriana Zabłocka-Abi Yaghi				
	Teachers		dr Adriana Zabłocka-Abi Yaghi				
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	15.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15
	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	15		0.0		0.0	15
Subject objectives	The aim of the course is to acquaint the student with the rules and norms shaping EU competition policy. This knowledge is linked to competition law as well as microeconomic concepts and models. The student has the opportunity to learn about the interactions between economics and competition law and to apply competition rules in practice through case study analysis.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[MSG3_U04] uses the acquired theoretical knowledge in economics to analyse and evaluate the operation of economic entities on the international market, with particular emphasis on the European Union market	The student can apply the theoretical knowledge gained in economics to analyze and evaluate the functioning of enterprises in the international market, with particular emphasis on competition mechanisms and legal regulations applicable in the European Union internal market.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SU5] implementation of a problem task
	[MSG3_U03] can identify and analyse relations between economic entities and public institutions in the national and international environment; using the acquired theoretical knowledge can critically evaluate these relations and indicate directions for their further development or changes	The student is able to identify and analyze the relationships between enterprises and public institutions responsible for the implementation of competition law in the European Union, and, based on the acquired theoretical knowledge, critically assess these relationships and propose directions for their further development or reform in both national and international contexts.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SU5] implementation of a problem task
	[MSG3_W11] has an advanced knowledge of (legal, organisational, ethical) rules and norms organising economic structures and institutions (in particular those on the international market)	The student possesses advanced knowledge of the legal and organizational rules and norms governing the functioning of enterprises in the European Union's internal market, with particular emphasis on the principles of competition protection.	[SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SW5] implementation of a problem task
	[MSG3_W13] gospodarczych w otoczeniu krajowym i międzynarodowym, ze szczególnym uwzględnieniem Unii Europejskiej has a well-structured knowledge of the functioning of business entities in the national and international environment, with particular emphasis on the European Union	The student possesses structured knowledge about the functioning of enterprises in both national and international contexts, with particular emphasis on the specifics of the European Union internal market and the principles of competition protection in this area.	[SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SW5] implementation of a problem task
	[MSG3_K03] participates in the preparation of economic and social projects; can reconcile legal, economic, ecological, political and social requirements	The student can actively participate in the preparation of economic projects, taking into account and reconciling the requirements of European Union competition law with the economic and political conditions of the internal market.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SK5] implementation of a problem task
	[MSG3_U16] can plan and implement his/her own lifelong learning, expand and improve his/her acquired knowledge and economic skills; is open to new ideas and techniques; is willing to learn using any method, and has a tendency to interact with other participants of the learning process	The student can independently plan and pursue further learning in the field of competition law, systematically supplementing and improving acquired knowledge about market mechanisms and European Union regulations, is open to new analytical techniques, and is inclined to collaborate and exchange experiences with other participants in the learning process.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SU5] implementation of a problem task
	[MSG3_K05] correctly identifies, diagnoses and solves dilemmas and various options of solutions related to the profession	The student can correctly identify, analyze, and resolve dilemmas, as well as propose various solution options for enterprises in applying competition protection rules within the internal market of the European Union, taking into account the legal and economic context.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SK5] implementation of a problem task
	[MSG3_W12] has a well-organised knowledge of the nature, functioning and sources of changes occurring in the structures of economic entities and organisations (in particular those which operate on the international market); understands the causes, course, scale and consequences of these changes	The student possesses structured knowledge about the functioning of enterprises and institutions responsible for the implementation of competition rules in the European Union, and understands the sources and mechanisms of structural changes in response to legal regulations, market integration, and globalization processes.	[SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SW5] implementation of a problem task

Subject contents	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> History and objectives of European competition policy: Brief history of competition law in the EU; Objectives of competition policy and their alignment with economic efficiency; Market power and welfare; EU institutions responsible for competition policy Market power and definition of relevant market: Measurement of market power; Concept of relevant market. Agreements restricting competition: Legal foundations for analyzing agreements restricting competition; Economic aspects of cartel analysis and agreements (vertical and joint ventures); European Commission approach in practice - case studies Abuse of dominant position: Legal foundations for analyzing abuses of dominant position; Economic aspects of exclusionary, exploitative, and discriminatory practices; European Commission approach in practice - case studies Control of business concentrations: Legal basis for controlling business concentrations in the EU; Economic aspects of horizontal, vertical, and conglomerate merger analysis; European Commission approach in practice - case studies Control of state aid: Legal basis for controlling state aid in the EU; Economic aspects of state aid control; Regional, sectoral, and horizontal state aid; European Commission approach in practice - case studies. <p>Doubts arising during the process of solving the problem-based task or interpretative issues related to topics in the field of EU competition policy will also be addressed during consultations.</p>		
Prerequisites and co-requisites	Microeconomics. Knowledge of market structures		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	The total number of points obtained for work in each class	51.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	<p>M.Motta, Competition Policy: Theory and Practice, Cambridge University Press, 2015 A. Fornalczyk, Biznes a ochrona konkurencji, Oficyna Wolters Kluwer business, Kraków 2012 S. Bishop, M. Walker, The Economics of EC Competition Law: Concepts, Application and Measurement, Sweet&Maxwell, 2010 A. Zabłocka, Polityka konkurencji Unii Europejskiej wobec koncentracji przedsiębiorstw, Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Gdańskiego, Gdańsk 2008 Instrumenty ekonomiczne w prawie konkurencji, praca zbiorowa, UOKiK, Warszawa/Bonn 2007 Pomoc publiczna, UOKiK, Warszawa 2009 D. Jalowitzki, K. Jaros, S. Klaue, H.P. Vennemann, Wspólnotowe reguły prawa konkurencji i ich znaczenie dla polskich sędziów, UOKiK, Warszawa 2007</p>	
	Supplementary literature	<p>M. Cini, L.McGowan, Competition Policy in the European Union, Palgrave Macmillan, 2nd edition, 2009 Prawo i ekonomia konkurencji. Wybrane zagadnienia, red. Bartłomiej Kurcz, LEX a Wolter Kluwer business, Warszawa 2010 A. Zabłocka, Ochrona własności intelektualnej a ochrona konkurencji [w:] Wybrane problemy integracji europejskiej, red. A. Stępiak, S.Umiński, A.Zabłocka, Uniwersytet Gdański, Sopot 2009</p>	
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed			
Work placement	Not applicable		

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