

Subject card

Subject name and code	Municipal economy/municipal companies - lecture, PG_00132178						
Field of study	Gospodarka komunalna/spółki komunalne - wykład						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject		2027/2028		
Education level	Master's studies		Subject group		Obligatory subject group in the field of study		
Mode of study	part-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	Faculty of Law and Administration -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Robert Obrzud				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10
	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	10		0.0		40.0	50
Subject objectives	To introduce students to the concept and scope of the municipal economy, emphasizing the role of local governments in delivering public services at the local level. To provide an understanding of the legal, organizational, and economic foundations of municipal economy, including relevant legislation, organizational structures, and funding mechanisms. To explore the legal and organizational forms of conducting municipal activities, with a particular focus on municipal companies as tools for fulfilling the own tasks of local government units. To analyze the operational model of municipal companies, including their governance structures, mechanisms of owner supervision, relations with local authorities, and service delivery methods. To assess the efficiency, transparency, and accountability of municipal companies, identifying best practices as well as risks related to politicization or lack of oversight. To develop analytical skills for identifying and solving problems in the municipal economy, through case studies, discussions, and interpretation of strategic and financial documents. To raise awareness of the importance of municipal services for local development and residents quality of life, integrating social, environmental, and economic aspects. To prepare students for active and informed participation in the management of local public resources, both from the perspective of public administration and that of a citizen or service use						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[PAGMU2_KK01] The student is ready to critically assess the usefulness of the procedures and practices learned, related to various areas of the curriculum of his studied field. He is open to the importance of knowledge in solving theoretical and practical problems and effectively justifying assessments, opinions, and proposed solutions. When necessary, he seeks expert opinions, including those from legal doctrine and jurisprudence.	Is ready to critically assess the usefulness of the acquired procedures and practices related to various areas of the curriculum of the studied field. Is open to the importance of knowledge in solving theoretical and practical problems, as well as in effectively justifying evaluations, opinions and proposed solutions. When necessary, seeks expert opinions, including views of legal doctrine and case law.	[SK4] test/egzamin - ustny lub pisemny
	[PAGMU2_WK04] At an advanced level, the student describes and understands the principles of the functioning of public authority bodies, administration, and economic entities, as well as identifies current dilemmas related to these issues.	Describes and understands in depth the principles of functioning of public authorities, public administration and economic entities. Is able to identify current dilemmas related to these issues.	[SW4] test/egzamin - ustny lub pisemny
	[PAGMU2_WG02] At an advanced level, the student knows and understands key regulatory issues related to the structure of the state, public administration, and the work of civil servants, as well as the legal and organizational conditions of selected areas of economic and social life.	Knowledge Has in-depth knowledge and understanding of key regulatory issues related to the structure of the state, public administration, and the work of civil servants. Knows and understands the legal and organizational conditions of selected areas of economic and social life. Skills Is able to analyse legal regulations concerning the functioning of public administration and their impact on the economy and social life. Can use appropriate legal and administrative terminology to assess processes and phenomena. Social competences Understands the importance of ethics and responsibility in the work of civil servants and in the functioning of public administration. Is prepared to critically analyse social and economic phenomena in the context of legal and organizational regulations.	[SW4] test/egzamin - ustny lub pisemny
	[PAGMU2_WG01] At an advanced level, the student identifies and understands the facts, phenomena, and their interactions related to the functioning of public authorities, administration, civil servants, the economy, and economic entities. He also knows the terminology, methods, and theories derived from legal sciences and related disciplines, relevant to issues concerning administration and the economy.	Knowledge – understands in depth the functioning of public authorities, administration and the economy, as well as relevant legal and economic terminology and theories. Skills – is able to analyse administrative and economic processes, use legal and economic terminology, and identify relationships between administration and the economy. Social competences – understands the importance of ethics and responsibility in administration and the economy, can cooperate with others and is ready to further develop knowledge in this field.	[SW4] test/egzamin - ustny lub pisemny
	[PAGMU2_KO02] The student is capable and willing to use the knowledge and skills acquired in social activities; he is also ready to initiate the pursuit of the public interest, particularly through substantive support for a specific organization, performing his profession diligently and ethically; he is prepared to carry out tasks in the organization in an entrepreneurial manner.	Is able and ready to apply acquired knowledge and skills in social activities. Is prepared to initiate actions in the public interest, in particular by providing substantive support to specific organizations and performing the profession reliably and ethically. Is ready to carry out tasks in an organization in an entrepreneurial manner.	[SK4] test/egzamin - ustny lub pisemny

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	[PAGMU2_WK05] The student identifies key phenomena occurring in the market economy and public finance, and knows and understands the basic principles regarding the creation, development, and functioning of fundamental forms of entrepreneurship.	Identifies fundamental phenomena occurring in the market economy and in public finance. Knows and understands the basic principles of establishing, developing and functioning of fundamental forms of entrepreneurship.	[SW4] test/egzamin - ustny lub pisemny
Subject contents	Introduction to Municipal Economy Definition and scope of municipal economy The role of local government in municipal economy History and evolution of municipal economy in Poland and worldwide Legal Foundations of Municipal Economy Key legal acts regulating municipal economy (Local Government Act, Municipal Economy Act, Companies Act, etc.) Principles of financing municipal economy Organizational and Legal Forms of Municipal Activities Organizational units of municipalities and counties Municipal companies: definition, types, objectives Comparison of municipal companies with other forms of activity (e.g., budgetary units, public establishments) Operation of Municipal Companies Organizational structure and management of municipal companies Ownership supervision and control over companies Relations between municipal companies and local government bodies Economic Aspects of Municipal Economy Sources of financing and cost models of municipal companies Efficiency and profitability of municipal activities Economic and managerial challenges Ethical and Social Issues in Municipal Economy Transparency and public accountability Conflicts of interest and ethics in managing municipal companies Importance of social dialogue and citizen participation Case Studies and Practical Analysis Data wygenerowania: 12.08.2025 13:43 Strona 5 z 5 Examples of functioning municipal companies Analysis of successes and challenges in municipal activities Discussion and conclusions on the future of municipal economy		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	test	51.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	Marek Wierzbowski, Local Government Law, Warsaw 2022. Michał Biliński, Wojciech Gonet, Hanna Wolska, Municipal Economy: Issues of Public Task Implementation, Warsaw: Wolters Kluwer, 2020. Tomasz Srokosz, Klaudia Raczek, Municipal Company Formation, Operation, Supervision, Warsaw: C.H. Beck, 2022. A. Opalski (ed.), Commercial Companies Code. Volume IA. Partnerships, Commentary. Articles 136, 1st edition, Warsaw 2024.	
	Supplementary literature	Zbigniew Jara (ed.), Commercial Companies Code. Commentary, 29th edition, 2025.	
	eResources addresses		

Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	<i>Definition and Scope of Municipal Economy</i> <i>What is municipal economy?</i> <i>What are the main areas of activity within the municipal economy?</i> <i>Legal Basis for the Functioning of the Municipal Economy</i> <i>Which legal acts regulate the municipal economy?</i> <i>What are the key regulations concerning municipal companies?</i> <i>Organizational and Legal Forms of Performing Municipal Tasks</i> <i>What are the legal forms of conducting municipal activities?</i> <i>How do municipal companies differ from other organizational units?</i>
Work placement	Not applicable

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