

Subject card

Subject name and code	Civil law - inheritance, family law - lecture, PG_00137029						
Field of study	Law						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025	Academic year of realisation of subject			2026/2027		
Education level	uniform Master's studies	Subject group			Obligatory subject group in the field of study		
Mode of study	full-time studies	Mode of delivery			at the university		
Year of study	2	Language of instruction			Polish		
Semester of study	4	ECTS credits			5.0		
Learning profile	academic	Assessment form			exam		
Conducting unit	Department of Civil Law -> Faculty of Law and Administration -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr hab. Anna Sylwestrzak				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	30.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30
	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	30		0.0		95.0	125
Subject objectives	The aim of the course is to provide knowledge about the current legal status in the field of family and inheritance law, the most important issues in case law and representative views of legal science. The lecture also presents discussion topics and numerous examples from the practice of applying law; to illustrate some issues, examples of case solving are demonstrated.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[PRAWOJ5_WG05] identifies in depth the various forms of social life, including the rights and duties of individuals in different contexts, with particular reference to the phenomena of violation of the law and their consequences	identifies in greater depth the various family relationships and problems arising in the aftermath of a person's death, and recognises the rights and obligations arising therefrom, taking into account the consequences of abuse and violation of the law	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[PRAWOJ5_KK01] is able to evaluate level of knowledge and skills and understands the need for continuing education and the need to seek assistance from experts	is able to evaluate his/her knowledge and skills in the field of family and succession law and understands the need to further develop and update his/her knowledge and skills	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[PRAWOJ5_UW01] has in-depth skills in observing and interpreting social phenomena, analysing their links with various areas of law and related sciences	has in-depth skills in observing and interpreting family and legal-legal events and analyses their links with the relevant civil law norms	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[PRAWOJ5_WG04] has a structured knowledge of the types of legal relationships and the regularities governing them	has a structured knowledge of the types of family law relationships and civil law relationships in the field of succession law and of the regularities governing them	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[PRAWOJ5_WG03] has an in-depth knowledge of the legal system, its evolution and the interrelationship between Polish law, European Union law and international law	has an in-depth knowledge of the family and succession law system, its evolution and links with the Convention on the Rights of the Child	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written

Subject contents

Family law:

1. Basic concepts in family law: family, family law relationship, family court and guardianship court, registration of civil status
2. Conclusion and annulment of marriage
3. Rights and obligations of spouses
4. Matrimonial property regime
5. Divorce and separation
6. Maintenance obligation
7. The origin of the child
8. Adoption
9. Parental authority and contacts with the child
10. General outline of the foster care system in Poland

Inheritance law:

1. Basic concepts in inheritance law: opening and acquisition of inheritance, ability to inherit, unworthiness of inheritance
2. Statutory inheritance
3. Testament: essence and form
4. Testamentary dispositions: appointment of an heir, ordinary and vindicatory bequest, order, appointment of an executor of the will
5. Evidence of the status of the heir and vindicatory legatee
6. Acceptance and rejection of inheritance
7. Liability for inheritance debts
8. Division of the inheritance
9. Reserve
10. Inheritance agreements

Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	preparing no less than 5 written answers in family law	51.0%	50.0%
	preparing no less than 5 written answers in inheritance law	51.0%	50.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	1. J.Ignatowicz, M.Nazar, Prawo rodzinne, Warsaw, (the latest edition at the start of classes); 2. E.Skowrońska-Bocian, Prawo spadkowe, Warsaw, (the latest edition at the start of classes);	
	Supplementary literature	1. J.S.Piątowski, Prawo spadkowe, Zarys wykładu, Warsaw, 2002 2.T.Smyczyński, M.Andrzejewski, Prawo rodzinne, Warsaw, 2022 3. T.Sokołowski, Prawo rodzinne. Zarys wykładu, Poznan, 2013 4. Kodeks rodzinny i opiekuńczy. Komentarz, ed. K.Osajda, Warsaw, 2017 5. A.Sylwestrzak, M.Balwicka-Szczyrba, Legal effects of Incapacitation in Polish Family Law (in:) International Survey of family law, ed. R.Fretwell Wilson, J.Carbone, Cambridge-Antwerp-Chicago, 2022, p. 275-290.	
	eResources addresses		
	Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	1. The role of the family court in shaping family law relations 2. The role of the head of the Civil Registry Office in family matters 3. Legal situation of the child in divorce proceedings 4. Is it worth making a reservation of payment in a bank account in the event of death? 5. Modifications to the group of statutory heirs in the course of subsequent amendments to the Civil Code. 6. Which assets and liabilities affect the amount of the reserve (which increase and which decrease the reserve)?	
Work placement	Not applicable		

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