

Subject card

Subject name and code	Comparative Legal Studies - elective lecture, PG_00138630						
Field of study	Wykład do wyboru - Komparatystyka prawnicza						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject		2025/2026		
Education level	uniform Master's studies		Subject group		Optional subject group		
Mode of study	part-time studies		Mode of delivery		at the university		
Year of study	1		Language of instruction		Polish		
Semester of study	2		ECTS credits		1.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		exam		
Conducting unit	Department of European Law and Comparative Legal Studies -> Faculty of Law and Administration -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Marcin Michalak				
	Teachers		dr Marcin Michalak dr Małgorzata Puto				
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		10.0	25
Subject objectives	The objective of the course is to develop the ability to comparatively analyze different legal systems and understand their diversity and mutual influences. Students will study the structures, principles, and legal institutions of various countries, identifying similarities and differences. The course also includes learning the comparative method in legal studies, which enhances the understanding of the comparative analysis in law. The course aims to expand knowledge of global legal systems, foster critical thinking, and prepare students for working in an international legal environment.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[PRAWOJ5_UW02] is able to use theoretical knowledge to analyse and interpret complex legal problems, generate solutions to them and predict the consequences of planned actions	The student applies theoretical knowledge to analyze and interpret complex legal issues, identifying key legal principles and their implications. They can formulate solutions to legal problems by considering relevant legal sources, doctrines, and case law. They assess the possible consequences of planned actions within different legal frameworks, taking into account the interaction between legal norms and practical outcomes. They use comparative legal methods to evaluate similarities and differences between legal systems, recognizing the impact of historical, social, and economic factors on legal development. They can construct well-reasoned legal arguments that address both theoretical and practical dimensions of legal issues.	[SU5] realizacja zadania problemowego [SU6] demonstracja umiejętności praktycznych [SU8] obserwacja samodzielnej lub zespołowej pracy studenta
	[PRAWOJ5_KK02] ability to think critically and solve specific legal problems	The student is able to analyze legal issues critically, taking into account differences between legal systems and their historical and cultural contexts. They demonstrate the ability to solve specific legal problems by using a comparative approach and identifying similarities and differences between legal institutions across different legal traditions. They can formulate well-reasoned arguments by referring to various legal traditions, case law, and legal doctrine, while also recognizing the impact of globalization and legal harmonization on contemporary legal systems.	[SK1] wypowiedź ustna/rozmowa/ dyskusja [SK2] prezentacja/projekt/referat/ raport [SK6] demonstracja umiejętności praktycznych
	[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	The student understands legal systems and their evolution, recognizing the interconnections between Polish law, European Union law, and international law. They can explain how EU and international law influence national legal systems and identify differences in the implementation and application of legal norms across various jurisdictions. They are familiar with the fundamental comparative methods used to analyze the relationship between national, EU, and international law, allowing them to assess the degree of harmonization and coexistence of different legal orders. They understand the role of international and EU institutions in shaping contemporary law and the mechanisms for resolving normative conflicts arising from their interaction.	[SW4] test/egzamin - ustny lub pisemny [SW1] wypowiedź ustna/rozmowa/ dyskusja

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	[PRAWOJ5_WG02] has an in-depth knowledge and understanding of the historical development of various legal systems and institutions	The student knows and understands the historical development of various legal systems, including continental law, common law, and systems based on religious and traditional law. They understand how historical, social, and political factors have influenced the formation of legal systems and institutions. They can explain the origins and evolution of selected legal institutions and identify their significance in contemporary law. They are familiar with the fundamental methodological approaches used in comparative legal analysis and can relate them to the study of legal institutions' development. They understand the processes of legal reception and the influence of legal traditions on modern legal systems, including the mechanisms of harmonization and unification of law at the international and regional levels.	[SW4] test/egzamin - ustny lub pisemny
Subject contents	Outline of the Course Program Divided by Lecture Units: Lecture with Active Learning: 1. Introduction to Comparative Law: - Lecture Units 1-6: Comparative methods in legal studies. Overview of the history, significance, and techniques used in comparative legal analysis. Practical exercises in applying these methods. 2. Analysis of Different Legal Branches: - Lecture Unit 7: Criminal law Comparison of criminal law systems in various countries. - Lecture Unit 8: Tort law Analysis of liability principles in different legal systems. - Lecture Unit 9: Contract law Discussion of contract regulations in various jurisdictions. - Lecture Unit 10: European law Principles and regulations of the European Union and their impact on national law. - Lecture Unit 11: Medical law Comparison of regulations related to healthcare and bioethics. - Lecture Unit 12: Constitutional law Analysis of constitutional systems and their impact on state structure. 3. Presentation of Student Research Findings: - Lecture Units 13-15: Student presentations Presentation of research findings on selected legal issues in a comparative context. Discussions on results and conclusions, review of research methodologies and insights drawn from analyses.		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	presentation/project/report	51.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	Kischel, Uwe - <i>Comparative Law</i>, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2019. Tokarczyk, Roman - <i>Komparatystyka prawnicza</i>, Wolters Kluwer, Warszawa, 2013. Reimann, Mathias, Zimmermann, Reinhard (eds.) - <i>The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Law</i>, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2006.	
	Supplementary literature	Hoffmann, D. (2009). Comparative Health Law and Policy: What, if Anything, Can We Learn from other Countries? <i>The Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics</i> , 37(4), 790791.	
	eResources addresses		

Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Sample Topics / Questions / Tasks: Assessment through presentation/project/paper/report: 1. Sample Topics: • Comparative methods in legal studies: history, significance, and techniques. • Comparison of criminal law systems in selected countries. • Analysis of civil liability in different legal systems. • Contract regulations in common law and civil law systems. • Comparative medical law: regulations on bioethics in an international context. • The impact of European law on national legislations. 2. Sample Questions: • What are the main differences between the common law system and the civil law system? • How does European law influence the legal systems of member states? • What are the key principles of civil liability in various legal systems? • How do health protection regulations differ in the legal systems of selected countries? 3. Sample Tasks: • Presentation: Prepare and deliver a presentation on the comparison of contract law systems in selected jurisdictions. • Project: Conduct a team research project analyzing a chosen legal issue across multiple legal systems. Present the findings in class. • Paper: Write a paper on comparative methods and their application in legal research. • Report: Develop a report on medical law regulations in different countries, with a special focus on bioethics issues.
Work placement	Not applicable

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