

Subject card

Subject name and code	Fundamentals of Law, PG_00132347						
Field of study	International Business						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject		2025/2026		
Education level	Bachelor'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	1		Language of instruction		English		
Semester of study	1		ECTS credits		2.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		credit		
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						
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		5.0		15.0	50
Subject objectives	The objective of the course "Fundamentals of Law" is to introduce students to the essential legal concepts necessary for understanding and conducting business in an international context. Students will become acquainted with the diversity of legal systems and legal families worldwide and will learn about fundamental principles of contract law, tort law, commercial law, public international law, and intellectual property law. The course aims to develop skills in analyzing and interpreting legal provisions and applying them practically in business activities.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[IBL3_K03] is ready to take part in co-organizing activities for social environment and fulfil social obligations of international business stakeholders	The student is prepared to participate in organizing activities for the community and fulfilling the social responsibilities of international business stakeholders, understanding the role and impact of law in shaping responsible business practices.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[IBL3_W09] knows and understands the basic economic, legal and other conditions of various activities related to the given qualification	The student knows and understands the basic legal principles and their conditions related to conducting business activities in an international environment. They are able to apply these principles in business practice, considering the diversity of legal systems and regulations in different jurisdictions.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
	[IBL3_U03] is able to perform tasks in uncertain conditions, solve complex issues of international business by appropriate selection information sources, conducting critical analysis and synthesis on the collected information and data	The student is able to perform tasks under conditions of uncertainty and solve basic legal issues related to conducting business in an international environment by appropriately selecting legal sources, and conducting critical analysis and synthesis of gathered legal information and data.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[IBL3_U04] can use basic regulations and standards which determine business activity	The student is able to understand and apply basic legal regulations and standards that determine business activities in an international environment. The student knows and understands the diversity of legal systems worldwide and their impact on conducting business. The student is capable of identifying and analyzing key legal issues related to contracts, tort liability, international trade, and intellectual property protection.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[IBL3_W08] knows and understands principles of economic decision making by individuals acting within social and business structures	The student knows and understands the principles of decision-making in light of applicable legal regulations by individuals operating within social and business structures. They are able to apply these principles in the context of international business law, considering the impact of legal regulations on decision-making processes within organizations. The student discusses assigned tasks during consultations with the course instructor.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
	[IBL3_K01] is ready to recognise the importance of knowledge in the field of international business in identifying and solving business theoretical and practical issues; is ready to consult with experts in case of facing difficulties in solving business issues individually	The student is prepared to recognize the importance of knowledge in business law for identifying and solving theoretical and practical legal issues in business. They are able to identify when it is necessary to consult with the teacher during consultation hours when encountering difficulties in independently resolving legal problems related to business operations.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SK4] test/exam - oral or written

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	[IBL3_K02] is ready to critically assess own knowledge in the field of international business, economics and finance and complementary disciplines	The student is prepared to critically evaluate their knowledge of international business law, understanding the significance of legal principles in international business operations. The student understands the diversity of legal systems and their impact on global business, which promotes a critical approach to understanding legal concepts. The student is able to identify key legal issues related to contracts, tort liability, international trade, and intellectual property protection, and is ready to assess their own understanding and areas requiring further study. The student demonstrates a readiness for continuous learning and self-assessment in the field of international business law, ensuring their knowledge remains up-to-date with legal changes affecting business operations in an international environment.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[IBL3_U10] can plan and implement own lifelong learning in the field of international business	The student is able to plan and pursue lifelong learning. They understand the importance of continuous development and updating of legal knowledge to effectively operate in a changing legal and business environment.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
Subject contents	Introduction to International Business Law - Basic concepts and sources of law - Diversity of legal systems Contract Law - Principles of contract formation and performance - International contract standards Commercial and Economic Law - Regulations concerning business activities - International commercial law Tort Law - Civil liability - Differences in legal systems Intellectual Property Protection - Patents, trademarks, copyrights - International conventions and agreements Dispute Resolution in International Business - Mediation, arbitration, litigation - Practical aspects of dispute resolution Application of Law in Business Practice - Case studies - Analysis and interpretation of legal provisions Continuous Improvement and Updating Legal Knowledge - Legal information sources - Planning for self-development		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	Written or oral examination, Duration: 1 hour, format: open and closed questions	51.0%	80.0%
	Classroom activities	51.0%	20.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	Alix Adams - <i>Law for Business Students</i>, 11th edition, Pearson, 2020. Ewan Macintyre - <i>Essentials of Business Law</i>, 6th edition, Pearson, 2018. Amy Krois-Lindner - <i>International Legal English</i>, Cambridge University Press.	
	Supplementary literature	James Marson, Katy Ferris - <i>Business Law</i> , 5th edition, Oxford University Press, 2018.	
	eResources addresses		

Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Sample Exam Questions: 1. Discuss the differences between the common law system and the civil law system and their impact on international business transactions. 2. Explain the fundamental principles of creating international contracts and discuss potential issues related to their enforcement. 3. Present and analyze a case of intellectual property rights violation in an international context. Example of Class Discussion: • Analysis of a real-life international trade dispute, discussion on the dispute resolution methods used (mediation, arbitration, litigation), and their effectiveness.
Work placement	Not applicable

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