University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Protection of Data and Classified Information, PG_00147657						
Field of study	National Security						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject		2026/2027		
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	2		Language of instruction		Polish		
Semester of study	4		ECTS credits		3.0		
Learning profile	practical		Assessment form		credit		
Conducting unit	Zakład Nauk o Bezpieczeństwie -> Institute of Political Science -> Faculty of Social Sciences -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Piotr Robakowski				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	0.0	30.0	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		45.0	75
Subject objectives	The aim of this course is to provide students with comprehensive knowledge of legal regulations related to data protection and the protection of classified information, as well as their practical application. The course content is designed to develop skills in risk analysis and management, creating data protection policies, and preparing for cooperation with supervisory authorities. Students will acquire the necessary skills for effective data protection, regulatory compliance, and education on data subject rights, including the right to information, access, and rectification.						

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[BNL3_K03] Has a need to continue to complete his/her knowledge as well as expand and improve skills.	He possesses advanced knowledge of the social, historical, economic, and cultural contexts of information security.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion
[BNL3_U09] Is aware of social expectations regarding the adequacy of state actions in the context of identified threats to its functioning.	He perceives societal expectations regarding the adequacy of state actions in light of identified threats to its functioning related to information security.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
[BNL3_U02] Analyses the causes and course of processes and their evolution relating to social, political, economic, legal, ethical and cultural aspects of security.	He analyzes the causes and progression of processes and their evolution related to the social, political, economic, legal, ethical, and cultural aspects of information security.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion
[BNL3_U11] Interprets the relationships between entities involved in activities for internal and international security. Undertakes discussions at an advanced level in the area of security.	He interprets the relationships between entities involved in activities aimed at the protection of personal data and classified information.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion
[BNL3_U13] Assesses the risk and possible consequences of measures taken in the area of security.	He assesses the risk and potential consequences of initiatives undertaken in the area of information security.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
[BNL3_W10] Has advanced knowledge of the activities of public institutions working to promote security.	He possesses knowledge about the activities of public institutions working towards information security.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[BNL3_W06] Has advanced knowledge of the functioning of democratic structures in civil society.	He possesses knowledge about the functioning of structures within the classified information protection system.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[BNL3_W04] Has in-depth knowledge of the functioning of internal and international security institutions and is able to define the relationships between them. Defines the fundamental dilemmas of modern civilization.	He has knowledge about the functioning of internal security institutions and the protection of classified information within the EU, NATO, and the European Space Agency, and he can define the relationships between them.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[BNL3_K05] Has the ability to prioritise goals and methods of action, thinking and acting in an entrepreneurial manner.	He has the ability to prioritize goals and methods of operation, and to think and act entrepreneurially.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion
[BNL3_W01] Has advanced knowledge of the social, historical, economic and cultural determinants of security. Knows the practical application of this knowledge in professional activities in the field of security.	He has advanced knowledge of the social, historical, economic, and cultural conditions of information security.	[SW5] implementation of a problem task
[BNL3_U06] Is able to analyse the causes and effects of security threats and indicates countermeasures. Plans own and team's work in the field of threat analysis and risk assessment.	He can analyze the causes and effects of information security threats, identify risks, and select appropriate security measures.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written

Subject contents	. Introduction to Personal Data Protection • History and development of personal data protection • Importance of personal data protection in legal and social contexts 2. Legal Foundations of Personal Data Protection • General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) • Personal Data Protection Act in Poland • Comparison between GDPR and national regulations 3. Key Definitions and Concepts in Personal Data Protection • Personal data and sensitive data • Data controller and data processor • Consent for data processing 4. Principles of Personal Data Processing • Principle of lawfulness, fairness, and transparency • Principle of purpose limitation and data minimization • Principle of accuracy and integrity 5. Data Subject Rights • Right to information • Right of access to data • Right to rectification, erasure, and restriction of processing • Right to data portability and objection to processing 6. Obligations of the Data Controller and Processor • Obligation to ensure compliance with regulations • Informational duty • Obligation to secure data 7. Risk Assessment and Risk Management • Risk analysis methods • Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) • Managing data breach incidents 8. Creating and Implementing Data Protection Policies • Elements of a data protection policy • Security procedures and standards • Data processing documentation 9. Cooperation with Supervisory Authorities • Role of supervisory authorities (e.g., UODO) • Procedures for reporting data breaches • Audits and inspections 10. Training and Awareness Raising • Training programs for employees • Awareness campaigns on personal data protection • Best practices and case studies 11. International Aspects of Data Protection • Cross-border data transfer regulations • International cooperation on data protection 12. Classified Information Protection System • Structure and functioning of the classified information protection system • Legal regulations and standards 13. Classified Information in the EU, NATO, and European Space Agency • Specific regulations and practices within these organizations • Cooperation and information sharing 14. Risk Analysis and Selection of Physical Security Measures for Classified Information • Methods for analyzing security risks • Implementing physical security measures

15. National Security Authority in Classified Information Protection
- Role and responsibilities of the national security authority
- Coordination and oversight activities

16. Industrial Security and Certification

- Principles of industrial security
- Certification processes for secure operations

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Prerequisites and co-requisites

Assessment methods and criteria

Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	60.0%	100.0%

Recommended reading

Basic literature

- Edyta Bielak-Jomaa, Paweł Litwiński, "RODO. Ogólne rozporządzenie o ochronie danych. Komentarz", Wolters Kluwer Polska, 2018.
- Paweł Litwiński, Grzegorz Sibiga, "Ochrona danych osobowych. Przewodnik po ustawie i RODO z wzorami dokumentów", C.H. Beck, 2018.
- Piotr Drobek, Michał Czerniawski, "Prawo ochrony danych osobowych. Zbiór przepisów z wprowadzeniem", Ośrodek Doradztwa i Doskonalenia Kadr, 2019.
- Marcin Ślęzak, Maciej Byczkowski, "Ochrona danych osobowych w praktyce", Difin, 2018.
- Ustawa o Ochronie Informacji Niejawnych 2010

Supplementary literature

Jan Nowak, "Przygotowanie do audytu zgodności z RODO", Kwartalnik Prawno-Administracyjny, 2019.

- Piotr Barta, Katarzyna Witkowska, "RODO w pytaniach i odpowiedziach", Wiedza i Praktyka, 2018.
- David Wright, Paul De Hert, "Privacy Impact Assessment", Springer, 2016.

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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	**History and Development of Personal Data Protection:** • What were the key events in the history of personal data protection? • How have data protection regulations evolved? **Legal Foundations of Personal Data Protection:** • What is GDPR and what are its main principles? • What are the key differences between GDPR and the Personal Data Protection Act in Poland? **Key Definitions and Concepts in Personal Data Protection:** • What are personal data and sensitive data? • What is the difference between a data controller and a data processor? **Principles of Personal Data Processing:** • What are the fundamental principles of personal data processing according to GDPR? • What does the principle of data minimization entail? **Data Subject Rights:** • What are the rights of data subjects under GDPR? • What steps should a data controller take in response to a request for data erasure? **Obligations of the Data Controller and Processor:** • What are the obligations of a data controller to ensure compliance with regulations? • What is a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) and when is it required? **Risk Assessment and Risk Management:** • What are the methods of risk analysis in the context of personal data protection? • What steps should be taken in the event of a data breach? **Creating and Implementing Data Protection Policies:** • What elements should a data protection policy include? • What are the most important security procedures and standards? **Cooperation with Supervisory Authorities:** • What is the role of supervisory authorities in personal data protection? • What are the procedures for reporting data breaches? **Classified Information Protection System:** • What are the basic principles of classified information protection? • How does the classified information protection system function in Poland? **Classified Information in the EU, NATO, and European Space Agency:** • What are the differences in the approach to classified information protection in these organizations? • What are the procedures for cooperation and information exchange?
Work placement	Not applicable

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