University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Corporate Law & Govenance, PG_00178649		
Field of study	Finance and Accounting		
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026	Academic year of realisation of subject	2028/2029
Education level	Bachelor's studies	Subject group	Obligatory subject group in the field of study Optional subject group
Mode of study	full-time studies	Mode of delivery	at the university
Year of study	3	Language of instruction	English
Semester of study	6	ECTS credits	5.0
Learning profile	academic	Assessment form	credit
Conducting unit	Department of Corporate Finance -> Faculty of Management -> Rector		
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor	dr Krzysztof Krzywdziński	
	Teachers		

Lesson types

Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
Number of study hours	45.0	15.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	60
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	60	4.0	61.0	125

Subject objectives

The aim of the course is to introduce students to the basics of commercial companies as the most popular collective form of doing business, as well as to provide understanding of corporate governance regulations in international context.

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[FiRL3_W08] The student has advanced knowledge and understanding of the interrelationship of accounting and finance with business in a changing environment and the accompanying contemporary challenges and dilemmas in this context.	The student identifies legal and financial consequences of corporate governance decisions, including those related to compliance, reporting, and shareholder rights.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[FiRL3_U05] From the perspective of finance and accounting, the student can apply legal, professional, and ethical standards in the context of management, quality sciences, economics and finance.	The student effectively combines legal, financial, and managerial perspectives to ensure compliance and integrity in corporate governance structures.	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
[FiRL3_W09] The student with an advanced degree knows and understands the general principles of creating and developing various forms of entrepreneurship using knowledge from management, quality sciences, economics and finance.	The student characterizes how corporate governance structures support or hinder the growth and development of different entrepreneurial forms in dynamic markets.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written

Subject contents	1. Organizational forms, corporate issuer features, and ownership 2. The concept of partnerships and their types. 3. Features of partnerships. 4. Formation and structure of a general partnership. 5. Liability of partners for the obligations of a partnership. 6. Legal position of partners in a limited partnership. 7. Capital companies versus partnerships. 8. Bodies in capital companies. 9. Corporate governance: conflicts, mechanisms, risks, and benefits 10. Modes and main principles of company transformation. 11. The role of the market regulator in transformation processes. 12. Corporate governance regulations in international context. 13. Corporate governance in developed countries, e.g. British corporate governance, corporate governance in the United States, corporate governance in Germany, and Japanese model of corporate governance. 14. Corporate governance in developing countries: e.g. in China and in India.
Prerequisites and co-requisites	None
Assessment methods and criteria	

Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
Team project	51.0%	40.0%
Written test	51.0%	60.0%

Recommended reading	Basic literature	1. Baker H.K., Anderson, R., 2011, Corporate Governance: A Synthesis of Theory, Research, and Practice, John Wiley & Sons, Inc. 2. Hannigan, B., 2024, Company law, 7th ed., Oxford University Press
	Supplementary literature	1. Keasey, K., Thompson, S., Wright, M., 2005, Corporate Governance: Accountability, Enterprise and International Comparisons, John Wiley & Sons, Ltd. 2. Domański, G.E. (ed.), 2005, Understanding modern company law: the Polish example, BECK
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	1. Describe features of partnerships. 2. Compare corporate governance regulations in selected developed countries.	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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