University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Social policy - auditorium classes, PG_00197762						
Field of study	Administration						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026		Academic year of realisation of subject		2027/2028		
Education level	Bachelor's studies		Subject group		Obligatory subject group in the field of study Subject group related to scientific research 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		2.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		credit		
Conducting unit	Department of Administrative Law -> Faculty of Law and Administration -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Marek Benio				
	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		2.0		18.0	50
Subject objectives	The aim of the course is to familiarize students with selected legal regulations in the field of social welfare law and social insurance law. Attention will also be paid to parental rights, including those related to the implementation of EU directives. Additionally, the course aims to acquaint students with the practical aspects of selected institutions of family and guardianship law within current codifications and extra-codification sources, using relevant doctrine and jurisprudence. The exercises are also designed to prepare students to apply the indicated regulations in practice and to develop appropriate social competencies in students. As a supplementary form of education to the lecture, the course will help prepare students to pass the exam in the subject.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[ADMINL3_U02] is able to communicate on matters typical for professional work related to their field of study and to prepare oral presentations, written papers, and a legal document concerning basic issues related to the organization and functioning of public administration, administrative activity, and the application of law in selected areas of social and economic life; including the ability to draft a typical administrative act and an application in an administrative case.	-	[SU3] text preparation/written work
	[ADMINL3_K02] is aware of the necessity to undertake actions aimed at protecting the public interest, the social interest, and the individual interests of a person, as well as of the need to balance these interests, with due respect for the law, in the event of conflicts between them. Moreover, he/she demonstrates an entrepreneurial approach and is prepared to initiate legal proceedings in which such interests are safeguarded.	-	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SK3] text preparation/written work
	[ADMINL3_W04] possesses advanced knowledge of, and understands, the legal and administrative determinants of selected areas of social and economic life, including the rights and obligations of individuals vis-à-vis other individuals and public authorities. Furthermore, he/she is familiar with the competences of administrative bodies within these areas.	-	[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion [SW3] text preparation/written work
	[ADMINL3_W03] possesses advanced knowledge of, and understands, the procedures applied within public administration, as well as the various methods and instruments — both legal and non-legal — employed in administrative activity.	-	[SW3] text preparation/written work
	[ADMINL3_U04] is able to plan and organize his/her own work and is prepared to actively participate in teams involved in the performance of administrative activities.	-	[SU8] observation of student's independent or team work

Subject contents	Part I (Department of Administrative Law) 1. Family benefits 2. Childcare benefits 3. Benefits under broadly understood social welfare 4. Social service centers 5. Social cooperatives Part II (Department of Labour Law) 1. Types of social insurance contributions 2. Types and scope of social insurance benefits 3. Parental rights: types, duration, deadlines, and benefits Part III (Department of Civil Law) 1. Protection of marriage stability and family protection in family law a) Principles of marriage law b) Form of marriage c) Types of marital property regimes in Polish law basic issues 2. Protection of childrens rights in family law a) The legal status of a child under regulations on parental authority and child contact (Family and Guardianship Code) b) Child custody institutions: foster families, guardianship basic concepts 3. Maintenance obligation key issues: nature, order of obligation, conditions for claiming maintenance, and statute of limitations. Enforcement of maintenance claims in legal proceedings.
Prerequisites and co-requisites	

Assessment methods and criteria

Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
Colloquium	51.0%	100.0%

Recommended reading	Basic literature	During classes, students use normative acts regulating issues covered by the program content and selected case law. 1. G. Firlit-Fesnak, J. Męcina, Polityka społeczna, PWN (current edition); 2. J. Jędrasik Jankowska, Pojęcia i konstrukcje prawne ubezpieczenia społecznego (current edition); 3. J. Stelina (red.) Prawo pracy 5 wydanie, CH Beck (current edition); 4. T. Smyczyński, M. Andrzejewski, Prawo rodzinne i opiekuńcze, Wydawnictwo C.H. Beck (current edition)

	Supplementary literature	1. C. Włodarczyk, Wprowadzenie do polityki zdrowotnej, Wolters Kluwer Polska (current edition); 2. Z. Woźniak, W stronę zdrowia społeczności - socjologiczny kontekst nowej polityki zdrowotnej, Ruch prawniczy, socjologiczny i ekonomiczny 2004, nr 2, s. 161-187. 3. M. Dercz, H. Izdebski, Prawo publiczne ochrony zdrowia, Wolters Kluwer (current edition); 4. T. Smyczyński (red.), Prawo rodzinne i opiekuńcze. System Prawa Prywatnego. Tom 12, Wydawnictwo C.H. Beck (current edition); 5. G.Jędrzejek, Zarząd majątkiem wspólnym małżonków, LexisNexis (current edition); 6. M.Jadczak-Żebrowska, Prawa i obowiązki małżonków, Wolters Kluwer (current edition); 7. M. Paszkowska, Polski system ochrony zdrowia, Difin (current edition); J. Stelina (ed.) Prawo pracy 5 wydanie, CH Beck (current edition); 8. M. Kasprzak, J. Nowicka, Pomoc społeczna Komentarz do ustawy, Infor (current edition); 9. T. Sokołowski, Prawo rodzinne - zarys wykładu, Ars Boni et Aequi (current edition) 10. M. Balwicka-Szczyrba, A. Sylwestrzak, M. Glicz, Supporting elderly persons in Polish Family and Succession Law, W: International Survey of Family Law : 2018 Edition / ed. by Margaret Brinig, Cambridge ; Antwerp ; Chicago : Intersentia, 2018, S. 425-440
	eResources addresses	

Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	I. Social Welfare Law & Family Benefits 1. What are the main types of family benefits in Poland, and what are their legal grounds in social welfare law? 2. How do social service centers (*centra usług społecznych*) contribute to the implementation of social policy objectives? II. Social Insurance & Parental Rights 1. Compare the eligibility criteria and duration of parental leave benefits under Polish social insurance law and EU directives. 2. What are the key differences between social insurance contributions for employees vs. self-employed individuals? III. Family & Child Protection Law 1. Explain the legal mechanisms protecting marriage stability in Polish family law (e.g., property regimes, divorce procedures). 2. How does the Polish legal system define and regulate foster care (*rodziny zastępcze*) as part of child protection policies? IV. Practical Applications 1. Analyze a case study where a social cooperative (*spółdzielnia socjalna*) addressed a local communitys needs. What legal and social policy tools supported its operation?
Work placement	Not applicable

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