University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Liability of public authorities for damages - lecture, PG_00197819		
Field of study	Administration		
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 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	3	Language of instruction	Polish
Semester of study	6	ECTS credits	2.0
Learning profile	academic	Assessment form	credit
Conducting unit	Department of Civil Law -> Faculty of Law and Administration -> Rector		
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor	dr Katarzyna Wałdoch	
	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	2.0	18.0	50

Subject objectives

The aim of the course is to introduce students to the principles of liability for damages in public administration and to develop practical skills in identifying situations that give rise to civil and administrative liability. Students will learn to analyze cases of legal violations by administrative bodies, assess the legal consequences of such actions, and formulate claims for damages as well as defenses against them.

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[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.	Is able to construct documentation in the field of public administration in accordance with legal standards.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[ADMINL3_U01] drawing upon his/her own knowledge as well as other sources of information — including the ability to use modern technologies and professional methods of acquiring and analysing information — is capable of identifying, analysing, and resolving problems, as well as interpreting phenomena relating to the organization and functioning of public administration, administrative activity, and selected areas of social and economic life.	Is able to construct documentation in the field of public administration in accordance with legal standards and assess the type of documentation that requires the assistance of other specialists, including those in the field of law, in its preparation.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
[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.	Knows and understands the responsibility of public authorities and local government units.	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written

Subject contents

Legal foundations of civil liability of public administration bodies

Conditions for civil liability

Liability for damage caused by issuing an unlawful administrative decision

Liability for excessive length of proceedings and inactivity of the authority

Civil proceedings for compensation against a public administration body

Regressive liability of public officials

Analysis of case law on civil liability of public administration bodies

Prerequisites and co-requisites

none

Assessment methods and criteria

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

Recommended reading

Basic literature

Odpowiedzialność za szkody wyrządzone przy wykonywaniu władzy publicznej, adw. dr hab. Zbigniew Banaszczyk, prof. UW, Odpowiedzialność za szkody wyrządzone przy wykonywaniu władzy publicznej, adw. dr hab. Zbigniew Banaszczyk, prof. UW, Małysa-Sulińska Katarzyna (red.), Stec Mirosław (red.), Podmiotowość samorządu terytorialnego - ustrojowe pytania i dylematy, Cebera Agata, Odpowiedzialność odszkodowawcza za niezgodne z prawem działania organów administracji publicznej

	Supplementary literature	Haberko Joanna (red.), Olejniczak Adam (red.), Pyrzyńska Agnieszka (red.), Sokołowska Dorota (red.), Współczesne problemy prawa zobowiązań, Dul Rafał, Skarga o stwierdzenie niezgodności z prawem prawomocnego orzeczenia a skarga kasacyjna w procesie cywilnym, Matan Andrzej, Rażące naruszenie prawa jako przesłanka odpowiedzialności majątkowej funkcjonariusza publicznego
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	none	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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