University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Business Law, PG_00199426						
Field of study	International Economic Relations						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026		Academic year of realisation of subject	2026/2027			
Education level	Master'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	1		Language of instruction	Polish			
Semester of study	1		ECTS credits	6.0			
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form	credit			
Conducting unit	Department of Commercial Law -> Faculty of Law and Administration -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor	dr hab. Joanna Kruczalak-Jankowska					
	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		4.0		116.0	150
Subject objectives	To familiarize students with civil law issues of economic transactions, with particular emphasis on the legal structure of commercial companies, cooperatives, commercial activities, including the specificity of contracts concluded in commercial transactions and their typical forms.						

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[MSGMU2_W12] has knowledge and understanding of the principles of establishing and development of business entities, including forms of individual entrepreneurship	Uses knowledge from economics, sociology, political science and management to better understand the legal context. o Is able to analyze legal problems from an interdisciplinary perspective, taking into account various social, economic and political aspects.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[MSGMU2_U03] can identify and analyse relations between business entities and institutions in their national and international environment	Analyzes the connections between various structures (on going business) in the area of commercial law	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
[MSGMU2_W07] has a knowledge of selected (legal, organisational, ethical) rules and norms conditioning the functioning of economic structures and institutions on the international market; understands the regularities governing them, changes occurring in them and their sources, and their impact on the functioning of economic entities	Carefully analyzes the requirements and goals of the task before starting its implementation. o Collects and prepares the necessary materials and information needed to complete the task	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[MSGMU2_W10] has a systematized knowledge of the legal, cultural and financial conditions related to business operations, in particular those of an international nature	Knows legal regulations regarding the creation and implementation of social projects. o Is able to prepare legal documentation necessary for the implementation of the project, including contracts, regulations and other required documents.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[MSGMU2_W08] knows and understands the terms and principles of intellectual (industrial) property protection and copyright law; understands the necessity of intellectual property management	Is able to recognize situations in which moral values and legal norms conflict. o Is able to identify key ethical and legal issues in specific professional cases	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[MSGMU2_U04] can use the acquired knowledge to formulate and solve complex problems related to the operation of economic entities on the international market, with particular emphasis on the European Union market	Is able to identify basic legal phenomena occurring in the area of commercial law. o Analyzes the connections between various branches of commercial law and other areas of law and legal sciences	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
[MSGMU2_U05] can apply the rules and standards of business activity in order to solve complex and atypical problems arising from international economic cooperation	Is able to identify basic legal phenomena occurring in the area of commercial law. o Analyzes the connections between various branches of commercial law and other areas of law and legal sciences	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written

Subject contents

Introduction to commercial law The place of commercial law among legal branches and disciplines Relationships between commercial law and civil law Sources of commercial law Entrepreneur concept Proxy and the entrepreneur's company Civil law consequences of registering entrepreneurs partnership Partnerships General partnership A partnership Limited partnership partnership Limited by shares Capital companies limited liability company A simple joint stock company Joint-stock company Merger, division and transformation of companies Groups of companies (holdings) European Company and European Economic Interest Grouping Cooperative in Polish law. General issues of commercial contracts Types of commercial contracts Features of trade contracts Trade agreements in goods turnover, with particular emphasis on international sales Contracts for the use of goods (leasing) Agreements on the use of things and rights (license, know-how, franchising) Banking activities (bank account agreement, bank loan and loan agreement, documentary letter of credit) Commercial intermediation agreements (agency, commission, dealer) Agreements regarding transport activities (transport contract, forwarding contract) Factoring and forfeiting Securities in business transactions

Doubts arising during the learning stage or interpretation problems are also resolved during consultations.

Prerequisites and co-requisites

Assessment methods and criteria

Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
written/oral exam	51.0%	100.0%

Recommended reading	Basic literature	W. J. Katner, Prawo handlowe i gospodarcze, Warsaw (the newest issue)
	Supplementary literature	R. Lewandowski, Commenrcial Law. Introduction, Warsaw (the newest issue)
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Civil Code as a source of commercial law of particular importance? How can a limited liability company be established? and what is needed to register it? Why does the freedom of doing business matter?	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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