University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Port Economy and Policy, PG_00199700		
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 Optional subject group 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	2	ECTS credits	4.0
Learning profile	academic	Assessment form	exam
Conducting unit	Division of Maritime Economy -> Department of Maritime Transport and Seaborne Trade -> Faculty of Economics -> Rector		
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor	dr hab. Hanna Klimek	
	Teachers	dr hab. Hanna Klimek	

Lesson types							
	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	30.0	15.0	0.0	40.0	0.0	85
	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	85	0.0	15.0	100

Subject objectives	Presentation of the following issues: management in sea ports, port services markets and port policy issues.

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[MSGMU2_U03] can identify and analyse relations between business entities and institutions in their national and international environment	The student has systematic knowledge about the port services markets. Doubts and observations are discussed with the teacher during consultations and during the implementation of the project.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SU4] test/exam - oral or written [SU5] implementation of a problem task
[MSGMU2_W03] knows and understands types of economic ties and the regularities governing them; understands the conditions and principles of the functioning of the market and the market mechanism in the national, international and global aspect	Students will know and understand the principles of operation of domestic and international port services markets, be able to identify factors in the competitiveness of seaports, and assess their competitiveness. They will also be able to identify the most important trends in port services markets. Doubts and observations are discussed with the teacher during consultations and during the implementation of the project.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion [SW2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SW5] implementation of a problem task
[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	The student is able to use his/her knowledge to formulate and solve problems related to the operation of seaports in port services markets, in land-sea transport chains and logistic supply chains.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SU4] test/exam - oral or written [SU5] implementation of a problem task
[MSGMU2_W11] has a theoretically grounded knowledge of the key issues of managing a business entity on the national and international market and of selected detailed issues of the international supply chain	The student has in-depth knowledge of: port surroundings; intra-port relations and between ports and their surroundings; understands the role and importance of seaports in land-sea transport chains and logistic supply chains; understands the social responsibility of seaports.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion [SW2] presentation/project/paper/ report
[MSGMU2_W04] has in-depth knowledge of of different types and elements of economic structures and institutions, including institutions, organisations and economic entities; understands the causes, course, scale and consequences of changes occurring in them, as well as relations between them on a national, international and intercultural scale; knows the theories explaining relations among them	The student has knowledge about the importance and economic functions of seaports; management of port infrastructure and suprastructure and their reproduction; location of seaports; port policy; port fees; knows the Act on ports and harbors.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion [SW2] presentation/project/paper/ report
[MSGMU2_U01] can creatively interpret and explain complex and atypical economic phenomena and the relations occurring between them, using the acquired knowledge in economics, finance and international economic relations	The student is able to interpret and explain economic phenomena occurring in ports and port services markets. Doubts and observations are discussed with the teacher during the implementation of the project.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SU4] test/exam - oral or written

Subject contents	1. Economic importance of seaports: discussion of the importance of ports in the national economy of individual countries and in the European Union. 2. Economic functions of seaports. 3. Location of seaports. 4. Seaport as a logistics center. 5. Port services markets (PSM): PSM as a spatial and economic category. 6. Competition on PSM; competitiveness of seaports. 7. Port infrastructure as a factor in the production of port services. 8. Financing the development of seaports. 9. Prices of port services. 10. Structural and ownership transformations in Polish seaports. 11. Act on ports and harbors. 12. Seaport development policy in Poland and port policy of the European Union. 13. Social responsibility of seaports. 14. Study visit to the ports of Gdańsk and Gdynia; familiarisation with the tasks and activities of the port authorities and cargo terminals in both ports.
Prerequisites and co-requisites	
Assessment methods and criteria	

Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
project	51.0%	10.0%
classes	51.0%	40.0%
exam	51.0%	50.0%

Recommended reading	Basic literature	1. *Ekonomika portów morskich i polityka portowa*, pr. zbior. pod red. L. Kuźmy, Gdańsk 2003 2. H. Klimek, *Funkcjonowanie rynków usług portowych*, Gdańsk 2010 3. A. Grzelakowski, M. Matczak, *Współczesne porty morskie. Funkcjonowanie i rozwój*, Gdynia 2012 4. H. Klimek, J. Dąbrowski, T*endencje na współczesnych rynkach usług portowych*, "Współczesna Gospodarka" 2014, nr 4 5. *Porty morskie w perspektywie przestrzennej, ekonomicznej, transportowej, logistycznej i społecznej*, red. H. Klimek, Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Gdańskiego, Gdańsk 2016 6. H. Klimek, R. Rolbiecki, *Funkcja transportowa największych polskich portów morskich* (w:) *Rozwój i funkcjonowanie transportu w świetle idei zrównoważonego rozwoju*, "Zeszyty Naukowe Uniwersytetu Gdańskiego Ekonomika Transportu i Logistyka" nr 63, Gdańsk 2017 7. H. Klimek, J. Dąbrowski, *Polskie porty morskie na rynkach usług portowych*, "Studia i Materiały Instytutu Transportu i Handlu Morskiego" 2018, nr 15 8. H. Klimek, J. Dąbrowski, *Corporate social responsibility of the Port of Gdynia*, SHS Web of Conferences 2018, Vol. 57, art. no. 01017, s. 1-10, https://doi.org/10.1051/shsconf/20185701017 9. H. Klimek, A. Michalska-Szajer, J. Dąbrowski, *Corporate social responsibility of the Port of Gdansk*, "Scientific Journals of the Maritime University of Szczecin" 2019, nr 59, s. 72-82, http://repository.am.szczecin.pl/handle/123456789/2551?show=full; DOI: 10.17402/354 10. H. Klimek, A. Michalska-Szajer, J. Dąbrowski, *Corporrate social responsibility of the Ports of Szczecin i Świnoujście*, "Scientific Journals of the Maritime University of Szczecin" 2020, no. 61, ss. 99-107, http://repository.am.szczecin.pl/handle/123456789/2598, DOI: 10.17402/405 11. A. Kaliszewski, A. Kozłowski, J. Dąbrowski, H. Klimek, *Container terminals competitive factors - results of an international survey*, SHS Web of Conferences, 2018, Vol. 58, art. no. 01014 (ISSN 2416-5182; https://doi.org/10.1051/shsconf/20185801014, ss. 1-13 12. A. Kaliszewski, A. Kozłowski, J. Dąbrowski, H. Klimek, *Key factors of container terminals competitiveness: A global shipping lines perspective*, "Marine Policy" 2020, no. 117 13. A. Kaliszewski, A. Kozłowski, J. Dąbrowski, H. Klimek, *LinkedIn survey reveals competitiveness factors of container terminals: forwarders view*, "Transport Policy", 2021, vol. 106 14. A. Michalska, H. Klimek, J. Dąbrowski, *A comparative analysis of CSR disclosure of Polish and selected foreign seaports*, "Case Studies on Transport Policy", 2021, vol. 9, no. 3 https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cstp.2021.05.012 15. Ustawa z dnia 20 grudnia 1996 roku o portach i przystaniach morskich (tekst jednolity) Dz. U. 1997, nr 9, poz. 44 (https://isap.sejm.gov.pl/isap.nsf/download.xsp/WDU19970090044/U/D19970044Lj.pdf) 16. A. Kaliszewski, J. Dąbrowski, H. Klimek, *Konkurencyjność portów*

		morskich. Teoria i praktyka, Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Gdańskiego, Gdańsk 2021 17. J. Dąbrowski, H. Klimek, R. Rolbiecki, *Dostępność transportowa portów morskich w Polsce*, Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Gdańskiego, Gdańsk 2023 18. Rozporządzenie Parlamentu Europejskiego i Rady (UE) 2017/352 z dnia 15 lutego 2017 roku ustanawiające ramy w zakresie świadczenia usług portowych oraz wspólne zasady dotyczące przejrzystości finansowej portów, "Dziennik Urzędowy Unii Europejskiej" 3.3.2017 19. B. Szymanowska, J. Dąbrowski, H. Klimek, *Innowacyjność portów morskich*, Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Gdańskiego, Gdańsk 2024 20. COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE COUNCIL, THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS *EU Ports Strategy*, Brussels, 4.3.2026, COM(2026) 112 final
	Supplementary literature	J. Neider, *Transport międzynarodowy*, Gdańsk 2012 H. Klimek, J. Dąbrowski, *Polskie porty morskie w lądowo-morskich łańcuchach transportowych*, "Logistyka" 2013, nr 5 H. Klimek, J. Dąbrowski, *Funkcja logistyczna portów morskich*, "Logistyka" 2012, nr 4
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	The economic importance of seaports: discussion of the importance of ports in the national economy of individual countries and in the European Union. Economic functions of seaports. Location of seaports. Port services markets as a spatial and economic category. Competition on port services markets; competitiveness of seaports. Port infrastructure as a factor in the production of port services. Financing the development of seaports. Prices of port services. Structural and ownership transformations in Polish sea ports. Social responsibility of seaports.	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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