University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Functioning and Development of Sea Ports in the World, PG_00199977						
Field of study	International Economic Relations						
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 Subject group related to scientific research in the field of study			
Mode of study	part-time studies		Mode of delivery	at the university			
Year of study	3		Language of instruction	Polish			
Semester of study	6		ECTS credits	4.0			
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form	exam			
Conducting unit	Department of Maritime Transport and Seaborne Trade -> Faculty of Economics -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Janusz Dąbrowski				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	14.0	6.0	0.0	7.0	0.0	27
	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	27		0.0	73.0	100	
Subject objectives	To familiarize students with the specificity of seaports as complex and important economic entities, their equipment, scope of activity, production process, services provided, management methods and directions of their development in the world.						

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[MSGL3_U13] can prepare presentations and oral speeches on selected specific problems concerning international economic relations (in connection with the chosen speciality within International Economic Relations), using theoretical approaches, specialist terminology, principles of collecting data from various sources, their description and interpretation, and drawing conclusions based on scientific literature	The student is able to complete a project task concerning various aspects of the operation and development of seaports around the world and consult its assumptions with the lecturer. The student also has the ability to prepare a presentation using various data sources (Polish and foreign), specialized terminology, and is able to describe and interpret socio-economic phenomena related to port activities.	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/ report
[MSGL3_W13] has a knowledge of the functioning of business entities in the national and international environment, with particular emphasis on the European Union	The student understands the role and importance of seaports as elements of state infrastructure, transport hubs and links in transport chains, defines basic concepts related to seaports, lists the types of seaports, knows the measures of the size and importance of seaports, describes the basic technical equipment of seaports, characterizes the service items port and types of services provided in ports. The student knows the systems and models of seaport management in the world, understands the mechanism of operation of seaports, and characterizes contemporary directions of seaport development. The student discusses selected port issues during consultations with the lecturer.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written

Subject contents

- The role and importance of seaports (the concept of seaports, a seaport as an element of the state's economic infrastructure, a transport node, a link in the transport chain and supply chain, classification of seaports, transport accessibility of seaports, measures of the size and importance of seaports).
- Technical equipment of seaports (elements of technical seaport equipment, seaport infrastructure, seaport suprastructure, spatial development of seaports, port transshipment and storage bases, use of the technical potential of seaports).
- Subject of operational activities of seaports (cargo - concept and classification of cargo, transportability of cargo, unitized cargo; sea vessel - interdependencies in the ship-seaport system, time of stay of the ship in the port, methods of determining the speed of ship service in the port; means of hinterland transport - interdependencies in the land transport-seaport system, organization of hinterland transport services in the port).
- Characteristics of the port production process (characteristics of port services, classification of port services, forwarding services, agency and brokerage services, transhipment services, storage services, ship services).
- Seaport management (seaport management systems and models, port infrastructure management, seaport operations management, human resources management in seaports, marketing management, European port policy, international maritime organizations).
- Basic measures of the size and importance of seaports (quantitative measures of cargo handling, quantitative and qualitative measures of ship handling, quantitative and qualitative measures of land transport services, measures determining the size and quality of the port's production potential, measures determining the port's position on the port services market, economic measures of activity port on the example of seaports in Europe, America, Asia, Africa and Australia).
- Organization of seaport management in the world (systems and models of seaport management in the European Union, seaport management methods in selected countries around the world, seaport management systems in Poland).
- Directions of seaport development (generations of seaports, containerization in seaports, seaports as logistics centers, sustainable development of seaports, organization and functioning of port clusters, role and functions of dry ports in the transport system).

Prerequisites and co-requisites

Assessment methods and criteria

Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
Project/Presentation	51.0%	30.0%
Written exam on the lecture	51.0%	70.0%

Recommended reading

Basic literature	Organizacja i funkcjonowanie portów morskich, red. K. Misztal, Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Gdańskiego, Gdansk 2010. Grzelakowski A., Matczak M., Współczesne porty morskie. Funkcjonowanie i rozwój, Wydawnictwo Akademii Morskiej w Gdyni, Gdynia 2012.

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