University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Contemporary Economic Challenges, PG_00200041						
Field of study	Economics						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026		Academic year of realisation of subject		2027/2028		
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	part-time studies		Mode of delivery		at the university		
Year of study	2		Language of instruction		Polish		
Semester of study	3		ECTS credits		2.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		exam		
Conducting unit	Department of Macroeconomics -> Faculty of Economics -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr hab. Marek Szczepaniec				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10
	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	10		2.0		38.0	50
Subject objectives	The aim of the course is an in-depth analysis of contemporary economic challenges.						

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[EKONMU2_U08] can independently analyse economic and social phenomena and processes, and can perform a theoretically deepened assessment of such phenomena, using appropriately selected research method	Can independently analyze the course of economic phenomena.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
[EKONMU2_U02] can use acquired knowledge to describe and analyse the causes and course of economic and social processes and phenomena, and can formulate his/her own opinions and critically select data and analysis methods based on the achievements of economic and social sciences	Can formulate his own opinions and critically select economic data.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
[EKONMU2_W02] has an in-depth knowledge of various types of existing economic entities and organisations as well as an extended knowledge of public institutions	Has in-depth knowledge of public institutions	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
[EKONMU2_W03] has a knowledge of relations between economic phenomena, entities and organisations as well as public institutions functioning in the national, international and intercultural spheres	Has in-depth knowledge of relationships between economic entities and organizations.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
[EKONMU2_U03] can analyse causes and course of economic and social processes and phenomena, formulate his/her own opinions on the subject, construct research hypotheses, and select and apply methods of their verification	Can analyze the causes and course of economic processes.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
[EKONMU2_K02] is aware of the level of their knowledge in the area of solving complex problems in economic,; understands the need to extend and update this knowledge throughout his/her life	Updates his knowledge regarding economic challenges.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SK4] test/exam - oral or written
[EKONMU2_W04] has an in-depth knowledge of different types of economic and social ties and regularities governing them; has an in-depth knowledge of economic and financial ties between enterprises	Knows various types of economic and social relations.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
[EKONMU2_W07] has an in-depth knowledge of economic and financial principles governing the functioning and management of economic entities and organisations, as well as of systems of legal, organisational, professional, moral and ethical norms and rules organising public structures and institutions, both in the national and international spheres	Has in-depth knowledge of public institution management.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
[EKONMU2_W08] has an in-depth knowledge of processes occurring in enterprises and economic organisations and with related areas, as well as of processes of change in public institutions; knows methods of research on the regularities governing these changes, taking into account the influence of external stakeholders on them	Has in-depth knowledge about processes occurring within enterprises.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion

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[EKONMU2_U01] can creatively interpret and explain economic and social phenomena and relations between them, using acquired knowledge of economics, finance and management sciences	Can explain the causes and effects of economic phenomena.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
[EKONMU2_K01] recognises the importance of knowledge in the field of economics in the process of identifying and solving economic problems and of consulting experts when having difficulties in solving them independently	Acknowledges the importance of the latest economic knowledge.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SK4] test/exam - oral or written

Subject contents

1.Impact of the Pandemic on the Global Economy (Dr. habil. Marek Szczepaniec, Prof. UG)
2.Energy Transformation in the Context of Security, Independence, Environment, and Prices (Dr. habil. Marek Szczepaniec, Prof. UG)
3-4.Contemporary Economic Policy and Economic Inequalities (Dr. Grzegorz Pawłowski)
5.Aspects of Tax Optimization (Dr. Grzegorz Szczodrowski)

To further develop the concepts discussed during the lectures, students may take advantage of consultation hours.

Prerequisites and co-requisites

No entry requirements

Assessment methods and criteria

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

Recommended reading

Basic literature

M. Szczepaniec, Development of Wind Energy in China, Gdańsk Studies of East Asia, 2019, Issue 16.

IRENA (2024), WORLD ENERGY TRANSITIONS OUTLOOK 2024, International Renewable Energy Agency.

Energy Institute (2024), Statistical Review of World Energy.

B. Wyżnikiewicz, Why Some Are Rich and Others Are Not, Nieoczywiste Publishing, Warsaw 2021.

A. Walasiak, Redistributive Function of Public Finance in Theoretical Approach, AE Publishing in Katowice, Katowice 2008.

A. Szymańska, G. Pawłowski, R. Kleina, Income Inequality in Poland: The Scale of the Phenomenon and Its Determinants, University of Gdańsk Press, Gdańsk 2024.

K. Turalinski, VAT Tax - Tax Frauds, Smuggling, and Organized Tax Crime, Artefakt Publishing, Warsaw 2017.

J. Wycisłok, Tax Optimization and Legitimate Tax Burden Reduction, C.H. Beck, Warsaw 2013.

K. Turalinski, Podatek VAT - oszustwa podatkowe, przemyt i zorganizowana przestępczość skarbowa, Wyd. Artefakt, Warszawa 2017.

J. Wycisłok, Optymalizacja podatkowa a legalne zmniejszanie obciążeń podatkowych, C.H. Beck. Warszawa 2013

Supplementary literature

Energy Institute Statistical Review of World Energy, 2026, https://www.energyinst.org/statistical-review

	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Energy transformation Energy security Social inequalities Tax optimization VAT gap	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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