University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Fundamentals of Law, PG_00200354		
Field of study	Logistics and Mobility		
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026	Academic year of realisation of subject	2026/2027
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	1	Language of instruction	English
Semester of study	1	ECTS credits	3.0
Learning profile	academic	Assessment form	credit
Conducting unit	Department of European Law and Comparative Legal Studies -> Faculty of Law and Administration -> Rector		
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor	prof. dr hab. Tomasz Koncewicz	
	Teachers	prof. dr hab. Tomasz Koncewicz	

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	0.0	45.0	75

Subject objectives	The objective of the course "Fundamentals of Law" is to introduce students to the essential legal concepts necessary for understanding and conducting business in an international context. Students will become acquainted with the diversity of legal systems and legal families worldwide and will learn about fundamental principles of contract law, tort law, commercial law, public international law, and intellectual property law. The course aims to develop skills in analyzing and interpreting legal provisions and applying them practically in business activities.

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[LML3_K02] is aware of the level of his knowledge in the field of logistics and mobility, understands the need to deepen and update this knowledge throughout life	The student is prepared to critically evaluate his/her knowledge of international business law, understanding the importance of legal principles in international business operations. The student understands the diversity of legal systems and their impact on global business, which promotes a critical approach to understanding legal concepts. The student is able to identify key legal issues related to contracts, tortious liability, international trade, and intellectual property protection, and is prepared to evaluate his/her own understanding and areas requiring further study. The student demonstrates a willingness to continually learn and self-assess in the field of international business law, ensuring that he/she remains current with legal changes affecting business in an international environment.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SK4] test/exam - oral or written
[LML3_U07] is able to participate in the analysis and evaluation of alternative solutions to problems of logistics or mobility and select methods and instruments to rationally resolve them	The student knows and understands the principles of decision-making in the light of applicable legal regulations by entities operating in social and business structures. He is able to apply these principles in the context of international business law, taking into account the impact of legal regulations on decision-making processes in organizations. The student discusses assigned tasks during consultations with the instructor.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
[LML3_K01] recognizes the importance of knowledge in the field of logistics and mobility in the process of identifying and solving economic problems, is ready to interact with other participants in the learning process, and consulting experts in case of difficulties in solving them on their own	The student is ready to recognize the importance of knowledge of business law in identifying and solving theoretical and practical legal problems in business. Is able to recognize when it is necessary to consult with the instructor in the case of encountering difficulties in solving legal problems related to business activity on their own	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SK4] test/exam - oral or written
[LML3_U05] uses normative systems (legal, professional, ethical) to solve a specific logistics or mobility task	The student is able to understand and apply basic legal regulations and standards that determine business activity in an international environment. Knows and understands the diversity of legal systems in the world and their impact on conducting business. Is able to identify and analyze key legal issues related to contracts, tort liability, international trade and intellectual property protection.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
[LML3_U15] is able to independently supplement and improve the acquired knowledge and economic skills, uses various methods of learning	The student is able to plan and implement their own lifelong learning. Understands the importance of continuous development and updating of legal knowledge in order to operate effectively in a changing legal and business environment.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
[LML3_W10] knows and understands the concepts and principles of industrial property, intellectual property and copyright protection	The student knows and understands the basic legal principles and their conditions related to conducting business in an international environment. He is able to apply these principles in business practice, taking into account the diversity of legal systems and regulations in different jurisdictions.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion [SW3] text preparation/written work

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[LML3_K06] is ready to be guided in his professional life by business ethics and corporate social responsibility, respect for others and be loyal to his employer	The student is ready to participate in the organization of activities for the community and fulfill the social responsibilities of stakeholders in international business, understanding the role and impact of law in shaping responsible business practices.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SK4] test/exam - oral or written
[LML3_W05] has a knowledge of a human being as an entity that creates social structures and the principles of their functioning	The student is able to explain the role of humans as creators and participants in legal systems and analyze how legal norms shape the functioning of social structures.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion

Subject contents

1. **Introduction to International Business Law**
   1. Basic concepts and sources of law
   2. Diversity of legal systems
2. **Contract Law**
   1. Principles of contract formation and performance
   2. International contract standards
3. **Commercial and Economic Law**
   1. Regulations concerning business activities
   2. International commercial law
4. **Tort Law**
   1. Civil liability
   2. Differences in legal systems
5. **Intellectual Property Protection**
   1. Patents, trademarks, copyrights
   2. International conventions and agreements
6. **Dispute Resolution in International Business**
   1. Mediation, arbitration, litigation
   2. Practical aspects of dispute resolution
7. **Application of Law in Business Practice**
   1. Case studies
   2. Analysis and interpretation of legal provisions
8. **Continuous Improvement and Updating Legal Knowledge**
   1. Legal information sources
   2. Planning for self-development

To support the learning process, consultations will be used to clarify more difficult issues within the topics covered.

Prerequisites and co-requisites

Assessment methods and criteria

Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
Written or oral examination, Duration: 1 hour, format: open and closed questions	51.0%	80.0%
Classroom activities	51.0%	20.0%

Recommended reading

Basic literature	• **Alix Adams** - *Law for Business Students*, 11th edition, Pearson, 2020. • **Ewan Macintyre** - *Essentials of Business Law*, 6th edition, Pearson, 2018. • **Amy Krois-Lindner** - *International Legal English*, Cambridge University Press.
Supplementary literature	**James Marson, Katy Ferris** - *Business Law*, 5th edition, Oxford University Press, 2018.
eResources addresses	

Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed

Sample Exam Questions:

1. Discuss the differences between the common law system and the civil law system and their impact on international business transactions.
2. Explain the fundamental principles of creating international contracts and discuss potential issues related to their enforcement.
3. Present and analyze a case of intellectual property rights violation in an international context.

Example of Class Discussion:

- Analysis of a real-life international trade dispute, discussion on the dispute resolution methods used (mediation, arbitration, litigation), and their effectiveness.

Work placement

Not applicable

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