University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Fundamentals of International Freight Forwarding , PG_00200415						
Field of study	Logistics and Mobility						
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 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	3		Language of instruction	English English			
Semester of study	5		ECTS credits	3.0			
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form	credit			
Conducting unit							
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Dorota Książkiewicz				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	15.0	15.0	0.0	15.0	0.0	45
	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	45		0.0		30.0	75
Subject objectives	The aim of the course is to introduce students to the principles of organizing and executing international freight forwarding services. The course develops knowledge of logistics processes in global supply chains, transport documentation, legal regulations, and the role of the freight forwarder in coordinating the flow of goods across borders. Students also learn to identify and manage risks in international transport and to use modern tools and technologies in forwarding operations.						

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[LML3_W03] has advanced knowledge of the relationship between business entities and public institutions operating in the national, international and intercultural sphere, understands the importance of logistics and mobility for their functioning	has advanced knowledge of the relationships between economic entities and public institutions involved in international freight forwarding and transport processes, in national, international, and intercultural contexts; understands the importance of logistics and mobility for the effective functioning of these relationships.	[SW5] implementation of a problem task
[LML3_W07] has knowledge of the economic and financial principles of operation and management of business entities and organizations that require logistics support or provide logistics services, as well as legal, organizational, moral and ethical norms and rules of operation of public institutions	Has knowledge of the fundamental economic and financial principles governing the operation and management of entities involved in international freight forwarding and transport, as well as the legal, organizational, ethical, and professional norms applicable to freight forwarding companies and institutions supporting international trade.	[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion [SW5] implementation of a problem task
[LML3_U02] is able to use its theoretical knowledge and acquire data to analyze specific logistics and mobility processes and systems, and to analyze these processes and systems using methods developed in economics, finance, management science, logistics and mobility	Is able to apply theoretical knowledge and collect data to analyze specific freight forwarding processes and transport operations within the international supply chain, using methods developed in economics, finance, logistics, and management sciences.	[SU5] implementation of a problem task
[LML3_K03] participates in the preparation of logistics and mobility projects, being able to reconcile legal, economic, ecological, political and social requirements	Participates in the preparation of projects related to international freight forwarding and transport, demonstrating the ability to reconcile legal, economic, environmental, political, and social requirements involved in organizing and executing international logistics operations.	[SK5] implementation of a problem task
[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	is able to participate in the analysis and evaluation of alternative solutions to problems related to international freight forwarding and transport, and to select appropriate methods and tools for their rational resolution, taking into account legal, economic, and operational conditions.	[SU5] implementation of a problem task
[LML3_U05] uses normative systems (legal, professional, ethical) to solve a specific logistics or mobility task	is able to apply normative systems (legal, professional, ethical) to solve specific problems and tasks related to international logistics and freight forwarding.	[SU5] implementation of a problem task

Subject contents

1. Introduction to International Freight Forwarding
2. Structure and Participants of the International Freight Forwarding Market
3. Legal and Normative Basics in International Freight Forwarding, Incoterms Rules
4. Transport Modes and Their Importance in Freight Forwarding
5. Freight Forwarding and Customs Documentation
6. Organization and Planning of Freight Forwarding Processes: Route Optimization, Cargo Management, and Selection of Appropriate Transport Means
7. Risk and Insurance in International Freight Forwarding
8.Use of Technology in International Freight Forwarding
9. Trends and future developments in the forwarding industry, (e-commerce logistics, automation, green technologies).

Consultations will be used to clarify more complex issues related to the course topics.

Prerequisites and co-requisites

Fundamental understanding of transport processes.

Assessment methods and criteria

Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
in-class tasks	51.0%	100.0%

Recommended reading	Basic literature	Christopher Martin, Logistics & Supply Chain Management, Pearson Education, 2016. Michaela Petrová, Martina Krügerová, Michal Kozieł, INCOTERMS - history and future development, (PDF) INCOTERMS -history and future development (researchgate.net) INCOTERMS 2020: Obligations, Costs & Risks Paperback - November 20, 2019, by Global Negotiator Mr Sameer Varun. A Practical guide to Shipping & Freight Forwarding: Your key to success in the shipping industry Paperback - December 19, 2019
	Supplementary literature	Dorota Książkiewicz, 2016. "Risk Factor Classification GEMIO in the Planning Phase of Logistic Project Management," Springer Proceedings in Business and Economics, in: Monika Bąk (ed.), Transport Development Challenges in the Twenty-First Century, pages 211-219
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	What is the role of a freight forwarder in a supply chain? What are the types of freight forwarding? What do you need to know to work as a freight forwarder? What responsibility does a freight forwarder have towards their clients?	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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