University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Law of the Sea - lecture, PG_00205024						
Field of study	Oceanography						
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 Humanistic-social subject group		
Mode of study	full-time studies		Mode of delivery		at the university		
Year of study	2		Language of instruction		Polish		
Semester of study	3		ECTS credits		1.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		credit		
Conducting unit	Faculty of Law and Administration -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr hab. Dorota Pyć				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	15.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15
	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	15		1.0		9.0	25
Subject objectives	Acquiring basic knowledge of the law of the sea and in-depth knowledge of legal institutions and procedures that apply to human activities in the marine environment, in particular legal instruments for the protection of the marine environment, marine protected areas, marine genetic resources, marine scientific research, as well as presenting the principles of operation of administrative bodies responsible for sustainable management of the sea.						

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[OCEANMU2-U09] can take part in a discussion/debate using substantive arguments, has the ability to formulate opinions based on scientific knowledge and experience and creating synthetic summaries	is able to take part in a discussion using substantive arguments, has the ability to formulate opinions based on scientific knowledge and experience and create synthetic summaries	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU2] presentation/project/paper/ report
[OCEANMU2-W01] knows and understands in-depth specialized terminology used in oceanography and related sciences (in Polish and a selected foreign language)	knows and understands in-depth specialist terminology appropriate in legal sciences (in Polish), with particular emphasis on marine sciences, adequate to the specialty studied	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW2] presentation/project/paper/ report
[OCEANMU2-K04] is ready to critically evaluate his/her knowledge and received content in the field of natural sciences in in particular in the field of the studied specialty, a in problematic situations, supports oneself with knowledge experts	is ready to critically evaluate the knowledge he/she possesses and the content he/she receives in the field of natural and legal sciences, in particular in the field of his/her specialization, and in problematic situations, is supported by the knowledge of experts	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SK2] presentation/project/paper/ report
[OCEANMU2-W06] knows and identifies potential threats to the marine environment on a local and global scale resulting from strong anthropopressure, predicts their effects on various time and space scales	knows and understands the basic legal regulations and principles of sustainable development of the marine environment, its protection and management of the marine environment and its resources	[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion [SW2] presentation/project/paper/ report

Subject contents

Introduction to the Law of the Sea: Origins and Basic Terminology

Objectives and Principles of the Law of the Sea

Legal Status of Maritime Areas

Maritime Jurisdiction: Rights and Obligations of Subjects of the Law of the Sea

Law of the Sea Facing Global Problems

Legal Protection of the Marine Environment: Marine Protected Areas (MPAs)

Principles for Conducting Marine Scientific Research

Legal Instruments of Management of the World Ocean (Global Ocean Governance)

Legal Status of Marine Genetic Resources (Marine Space Culture)

Prerequisites and co-requisites

Assessment methods and criteria

Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
determining the grade based on partial grades received during the semester	51.0%	100.0%

Recommended reading	Basic literature	J. Braverman (red.) Laws of the Sea. Interdisciplinary Currents, Routledge 2023 D. Pyć, Prawo Oceanu Światowego. Res usus publicum, Gdańsk 2011 D. Pyć, The Role of the Law of the Sea in Marine Spatial Planning (w:) Zaucha J., Gee, K., (red.) Maritime Spatial Planning. Past, Present, Future, Palgrave Macmillan 2019 D. Pyć, Global Ocean Governance, TransNav - The International Journal on Marine Navigation and Safety of Sea Transportation, vol. 10, No 1, 2016; http://www.wn2.umg.edu.pl/Article__Py%C4%87,37,639.html# D. Pyć, I. Zużewicz-Wiewiórowska (red.), Leksykon prawa morskiego. 100 podstawowych pojęć, 2. wydanie, Warszawa 2020 K.J. Marciniak, Morskie zasoby genetyczne w prawie międzynarodowym, Warszawa 2016
	Supplementary literature	J. Ciechanowicz-McLean, Globalne prawo środowiska. Zagadnienia podstawowe, Gdańsk 2021 J. Harrison, Saving the Oceans through Law, The International Legal Fremework for Protection of the Marine Environment, Oxford, 2017 S.Y. Kim, Problems and Processes of Restricting Navigation in Particularly Sensitive Sea Areas, The International Journal of Marine and Coastal Law, 36(3), 2021, s. 438-463. doi: https://doi.org/10.1163/15718085-bja10062 R.J. Roland Holst, Change in the Law of the Sea. Context, Mechanisms and Practice, Brill 2022 The IMLI Manual on International Maritime Law, vol. I: The Law of the Sea: general editor D.J. Attard, edited by M. Fitzmaurice, N. A M. Gutiérrez, Oxford University Press 2014 Y. Tanaka, The International Law of the Sea, Cambridge 2019 R. Zaorski, Eksploatacja biologicznych zasobów morza w świetle prawa międzynarodowego, Gdynia 1967
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed		
Work placement	Not applicable	

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