

Subject card

Subject name and code	Waste management - EU and cross-border law - lecture, PG_00174611						
Field of study							
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025	Academic year of realisation of subject			2025/2026		
Education level	Bachelor's studies	Subject group			Optional subject group		
Mode of study	full-time studies	Mode of delivery			e-learning		
Year of study	1	Language of instruction			Polish		
Semester of study	1	ECTS credits			1.0		
Learning profile	practical	Assessment form			credit		
Conducting unit	Department of Public Economic Law and Environmental Protection Law -> Faculty of Law and Administration -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Justyna Przedańska				
	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: 15.0						
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		0.0		10.0	25
Subject objectives	The aim of the course is to introduce students to the legal frameworks governing waste management within the European Union and in transboundary contexts. The course explores the key principles, instruments and institutions involved in EU waste law, as well as the rules applicable to the cross-border movement of waste. Particular emphasis is placed on the preventive and integrated approach to waste management, the responsibilities of public administration and economic operators, and the alignment of national systems with EU environmental objectives, including the circular economy and the European Green Deal.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[ADMINL3_WG03] At an advanced level, the student identifies and understands the legal and administrative conditions of various forms of social and economic life, including the rights and obligations of individuals towards other individuals and state authorities.	The student is able to identify and explain the legal and administrative conditions governing responsibility for waste management; understands the rights and obligations of different actors (including individuals, businesses and public authorities) under national, EU and international law.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[ADMINL3_WK04] The student knows and understands the current dilemmas regarding the functioning of institutions of substantive and procedural law in the sphere of the state and administration. Additionally, he identifies key phenomena occurring in the market economy and economics, including knowledge and understanding of the basic principles of public finance, EU structural funds, the public procurement system, and the operation of various forms of entrepreneurship.	The student understands legal and procedural challenges related to waste management law; recognises the relationship between legal frameworks, market economy mechanisms, and the responsibilities of actors involved, including funding through EU structural instruments.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[ADMINL3_KK01] The student is aware of the role of knowledge in problem-solving, is prepared to critically evaluate positions regarding the functioning of administration and the content of legal norms, and to rely on expert knowledge – including the views of legal doctrine and jurisprudence – in situations that exceed the scope of independent problem-solving.	The student is aware of the complexity of legal and organisational issues in the field of waste management; recognises the need to refer to expert knowledge – including scholarly commentary and case law – when faced with ambiguous or controversial situations.	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[ADMINL3_WG01] At an advanced level, the student is able to define the sciences of administration and politics, as well as law, and knows the concepts and terminology appropriate to them.	The student understands and can apply key concepts and terminology related to EU and transboundary waste law; recognises the relevance of this field within administrative and legal sciences.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written

Subject contents	Course Content Waste Management: EU and Transboundary Law 1. Introduction to Waste Law and EU Environmental Policy Foundations of sustainable development The waste hierarchy: prevention, reuse, recycling Key EU legal acts on waste management 2. Principles of the Circular Economy and Their Legal Implementation Waste as a resource end-of-waste criteria EU Circular Economy Action Plan Legal instruments supporting circular transition (directives, regulations) 3. The European Green Deal and Its Impact on Waste Law Climate goals and waste: Fit for 55, climate neutrality Revision of the Waste Shipment Regulation (2023/2025) Implications for local authorities and economic operators 4. Transboundary Waste Shipments Regulation and Practice Regulation (EC) No 1013/2006 on shipments of waste Obligations of exporters, importers and Member States Illegal shipments and compliance challenges 5. International Law: The Basel Convention and Other Instruments The Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes Role of the United Nations and UNEP Illegal waste trade: case examples, enforcement gaps, OLAF and Europol action 6. Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) and National Systems EPR mechanisms in the EU: packaging, batteries, electronic waste Role of public administration in enforcement Current developments in deposit-return systems and recycling infrastructure 7. Public Authorities, Supervision and Enforcement in Waste Law Responsibilities of environmental inspectorates, competition authorities, and the European Commission Monitoring systems and sanctions The role of administrative courts and the CJEU 8. Practical Challenges in the Implementation of EU Waste Law Case law of the Court of Justice of the European Union Stakeholder conflicts: local authorities, business, NGOs Exports to Africa and Asia analysis based on reports from Greenpeace, Interpol, and Frontex 9. Emerging Trends and the Future of Waste Regulation Right to repair, ecodesign, and innovation New forms of corporate responsibility and environmental compliance Circular economy as part of emerging ecological constitutionalism		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	closed-format written test	50.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature R. Michalski, <i>Prawo ochrony środowiska. Część szczegółowa</i>, Wolters Kluwer, Warszawa 2023 M. Rudnicki (red.), <i>Prawo gospodarki odpadami. Komentarz</i>, Wolters Kluwer, Warszawa 2022 Rozporządzenie (WE) nr 1013/2006 w sprawie przemieszczania odpadów Pakiet gospodarki o obiegu zamkniętym UE (Circular Economy Package)		

	Supplementary literature	T.BojarFijałkowski,M.Nyka (red.), <i>Prawo zarządzania środowiskiem aspekty sprawiedliwości ekologicznej</i> (UG, Gdańsk 2017) M. Nyka, <i>Instrumenty ograniczania wpływu handlu na środowisko. Studium z prawa międzynarodowego</i> (Diffin, Warszawa 2018) Greenpeace & Interpol: raporty o nielegalnym handlu odpadami (20232025) Blog AMCS: <i>EU Municipal Waste Regulations and What They Mean for Local Authorities</i>, https://www.amcsgroup.com/resources/blogs/eu-municipal-waste-regulations-and-what-they-mean-for-you/
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed		
Work placement	Not applicable	

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