

Subject card

Subject name and code	Fundamentals of Law, PG_00187180						
Field of study	International Business						
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 aim of the course is to introduce students to the fundamental legal issues relevant to the functioning of enterprises in the International Business environment. The course familiarises students with basic legal systems, institutions, and regulations related to business activities, contract formation and performance, intellectual property protection, and business dispute resolution.						
Learning outcomes	Course outcome		Subject outcome			Method of verification	
	[IBL3_W05] knows and understands the principles of establishing, operating and developing business activity, including in the context of the international economy.		The student knows and understands the fundamental legal regulations and institutions governing the establishment, operation, and development of business activities, including those conducted in the International Business environment.			[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion	
	[IBL3_W06] knows and understands the economic, legal, institutional and ethical conditions determining the functioning of enterprises in the international business environment.		The student knows and understands the legal and institutional conditions affecting the functioning of enterprises in the International Business environment, in particular the significance of different legal systems, legal protection mechanisms, and dispute resolution procedures.			[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion	

Subject contents	Introduction to International Business Law - Basic concepts and sources of law - Diversity of legal systems Contract Law - Principles of contract formation and performance - International contract standards Commercial and Economic Law - Regulations concerning business activities - International commercial law Tort Law - Civil liability - Differences in legal systems Intellectual Property Protection - Patents, trademarks, copyrights - International conventions and agreements Dispute Resolution in International Business - Mediation, arbitration, litigation - Practical aspects of dispute resolution Application of Law in Business Practice - Case studies - Analysis and interpretation of legal provisions Continuous Improvement and Updating Legal Knowledge - Legal information sources - Planning for self-development		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	Classroom activities	51.0%	20.0%
	Written or oral examination, Duration: 1 hour, format: open and closed questions	51.0%	80.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	Adams A., <i>Law for Business Students</i> , 11th Edition, Pearson, 2020. Macintyre E., <i>Essentials of Business Law</i> , 6th Edition, Pearson, 2018. Krois-Lindner A., <i>International Legal English</i> , Cambridge University Press.	
	Supplementary literature	Marson J., Ferris K., <i>Business Law</i> , 5th Edition, Oxford University Press, 2018.	
	eResources addresses		
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Sample Exam Questions: - Discuss the differences between the common law system and the civil law system and their impact on international business transactions. - Explain the fundamental principles of creating international contracts and discuss potential issues related to their enforcement. - 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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