University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Ethics in administrative science - lecture, PG_00132023		
Field of study	Law in administration and economy		
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026	Academic year of realisation of subject	2026/2027
Education level	Master'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	part-time studies	Mode of delivery	at the university
Year of study	1	Language of instruction	Polish
Semester of study	2	ECTS credits	1.0
Learning profile	academic	Assessment form	credit
Conducting unit	Department of the Theory and Philosophy of Law and State -> Faculty of Law and Administration -> Rector		
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor	dr hab. Tomasz Widłak	
	Teachers		

Lesson types							
	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10
	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	10	0.0	15.0	25

Subject objectives	The course aims to introduce students to the fundamental concepts of ethics, professional ethics, and legal ethics in the context of public administration in Poland. It is designed to develop the ability to identify and analyze ethical issues faced by civil servants and legal professionals in administrative practice, as well as to foster values of responsibility, integrity, impartiality, and accountability in public service.

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[PAGMU2_WG02] At an advanced level, the student knows and understands key regulatory issues related to the structure of the state, public administration, and the work of civil servants, as well as the legal and organizational conditions of selected areas of economic and social life.	knows the sources of ethical standards in public administration, especially in the civil service	[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
	[PAGMU2_WG03] The student comprehensively recognizes and explains theories and methods related to the functioning and management of organizations, including those concerning human resource management, office administration, management accounting, as well as conducting negotiations and resolving disputes.	recognises and explains the ethical infrastructure in public administration and its role in human resource management, recognises the potential of alternative methods in resolving disputes related to professional ethics	[SW5] implementation of a problem task
	[PAGMU2_WK04] At an advanced level, the student describes and understands the principles of the functioning of public authority bodies, administration, and economic entities, as well as identifies current dilemmas related to these issues.	understands the importance of adhering to ethical principles in the functioning of public administration and also points to the ethical dilemmas most commonly encountered in the course of administrative activities	[SW5] implementation of a problem task
	[PAGMU2_UU05] At an advanced level, the student is able to independently and critically acquire knowledge and develop his professional skills. Additionally, he is aware of the level of his knowledge and skills and understands the need for lifelong learning and sharing the knowledge he acquires with others.	is able to independently and critically develop knowledge and skills in the field of resolving ethical dilemmas in the professional work of a member of the civil service or other public administration employee	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion
Subject contents	1. Introduction to ethics and professional ethics Basic concepts of ethics and normative ethics Ethics and law 2. Principles of civil service ethics in Poland (constitutional and statutory basis). 3. Analysis of civil service principles and civil service ethics principles 4. Functions of ethical codes and their limitations. 5. Principles of responsibility for ethical violations in administration. Disciplinary, employee and criminal responsibility. 6. Practical ethical dilemmas in administration Examples of conflict situations (e.g. political pressure, nepotism, corruption). Strategies for ethical decision-making.		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	-	50.0%	100.0%

Recommended reading	Basic literature	• Bogucka I., Pietrzykowski T., *Etyka w administracji publicznej*, Wolters Kluwer, wyd. 5, Warszawa 2021 • Izdebski H., Skuczyński P. (red.), *Etyka prawnicza. Stanowiska i perspektywy*, t. 13, Wydawnictwa Uniwersytetu Warszawskiego, Warszawa 20082017. • Kodeks Etyki Służby Cywilnej Zarządzenie nr 114 Prezesa Rady Ministrów z 11 października 2002 r. (M.P. 2002 nr 46 poz. 683). • Zarządzenie nr 70 Prezesa Rady Ministrów z 6 października 2011 r. w sprawie wytycznych w zakresie przestrzegania zasad służby cywilnej oraz zasad etyki korpusu służby cywilnej (M.P. 2011 nr 93 poz. 953).
	Supplementary literature	• Cooper T. L., *The Responsible Administrator: An Approach to Ethics for the Administrative Role*, 6th ed., Jossey-Bass, San Francisco 2012. • Huberts L. W. J. C., *The Integrity of Governance: What It Is, What We Know, What Is Done, and Where to Go*, Palgrave Macmillan, Basingstoke 2014. • Svara J. H., *The Ethics Primer for Public Administrators in Government and Nonprofit Organizations*, 2nd ed., Jones & Bartlett, Burlington 2015. • Rohr J. A., *Ethics for Bureaucrats: An Essay on Law and Values*, 2nd ed., Routledge, New York 1989. • OECD, *Recommendation of the Council on Public Integrity*, OECD Publishing, Paris 2017. • OECD, *OECD Public Integrity Handbook*, OECD Publishing, Paris 2020. • Council of Europe, *Recommendation Rec(2000)10 of the Committee of Ministers to member states on codes of conduct for public officials* wraz z *Explanatory Memorandum*, Rada Europy, Strasburg 2000.
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed		
Work placement	Not applicable	

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