

Subject card

Subject name and code	European Competition Policy, PG_00199202						
Field of study	International Economic Relations						
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			Polish		
Semester of study	5	ECTS credits			3.0		
Learning profile	academic	Assessment form			exam		
Conducting unit	Department of Transport Policy and Economic Integration -> Faculty of Economics -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Adriana Zabłocka-Abi Yaghi				
	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 acquaint the student with the rules and norms shaping EU competition policy. This knowledge is linked to competition law as well as microeconomic concepts and models. The student has the opportunity to learn about the interactions between economics and competition law and to apply competition rules in practice through case study analysis.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[MSG3_W13] has a knowledge of the functioning of business entities in the national and international environment, with particular emphasis on the European Union	The student knows how enterprises function in compliance with competition rules within the European Union.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[MSG3_W11] has a knowledge of (legal, organisational, ethical) rules and norms organising economic structures and institutions (in particular those on the international market)	The student knows about competition rules in the European Union, the institutions responsible for their implementation, and their origin and evolution.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[MSG3_U03] can identify and analyse relations between economic entities and public institutions in the national and international environment; using the acquired theoretical knowledge can critically evaluate these relations and indicate directions for their further development or changes	The student can identify and analyze business behaviors within the European Union that pose a threat to restricting competition.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[MSG3_U04] uses the acquired theoretical knowledge in economics to analyse and evaluate the operation of economic entities on the international market, with particular emphasis on the European Union market	The student uses their theoretical knowledge of microeconomics to analyze and assess the actions of companies that restrict competition within the European Union.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
[MSG3_K03] participates in the preparation of economic and social projects; can reconcile legal, economic, ecological, political and social requirements	Through case study analysis, the student can reconcile the legal requirements and economic aspects of EU competition policy.	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written	
Subject contents	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> History and objectives of European competition policy: Brief history of competition law in the EU; Objectives of competition policy and their alignment with economic efficiency; Market power and welfare; EU institutions responsible for competition policy Market power and definition of relevant market: Measurement of market power; Concept of relevant market; Basic tests for defining product and geographic markets; European Commission guidelines on defining relevant markets; European Commission approach in practice Agreements restricting competition: Legal foundations for analyzing agreements restricting competition; Economic aspects of cartel analysis and agreements (vertical and joint ventures); European Commission approach in practice - case studies Abuse of dominant position: Legal foundations for analyzing abuses of dominant position; Economic aspects of exclusionary, exploitative, and discriminatory practices; European Commission approach in practice - case studies Control of business concentrations: Legal basis for controlling business concentrations in the EU; Economic aspects of horizontal, vertical, and conglomerate merger analysis; European Commission approach in practice - case studies Control of state aid: Legal basis for controlling state aid in the EU; Economic aspects of state aid control; Regional, sectoral, and horizontal state aid; European Commission approach in practice - case studies Current issues in European competition policy <p>Any doubts related to the lecture topics and questions regarding the course material are addressed during consultation hours. Participation in consultations enables the clarification of substantive issues and deepens the understanding of subject-related concepts.</p>		
Prerequisites and co-requisites	Microeconomics. Knowledge of market structures		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	A test	51.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	M.Motta, Competition Policy: Theory and Practice, Cambridge University Press, 2015 A. Fornalczyk, Biznes a ochrona konkurencji, Oficyna Wolters Kluwer business, Kraków 2012 S. Bishop, M. Walker, The Economics of EC Competition Law: Concepts, Application and Measurement, Sweet&Maxwell, 2010 A. Zabłocka, Polityka konkurencji Unii Europejskiej wobec koncentracji przedsiębiorstw, Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Gdańskiego, Gdańsk 2008 Instrumenty ekonomiczne w prawie konkurencji, praca zbiorowa, UOKiK, Warszawa/Bonn 2007 Pomoc publiczna, UOKiK, Warszawa 2009 D. Jalowietzki, K. Jaros, S. Klaue, H.P. Vennemann, Wspólnotowe reguły prawa konkurencji i ich znaczenie dla polskich sędziów, UOKiK, Warszawa 2007	

	Supplementary literature	M. Cini, L.McGowan, Competition Policy in the European Union, Palgrave Macmillan, 2nd edition, 2009 Prawo i ekonomia konkurencji. Wybrane zagadnienia, red. Bartłomiej Kurcz, LEX a Wolter Kluwer business, Warszawa 2010 A. Zabłocka, Ochrona własności intelektualnej a ochrona konkurencji [w:] Wybrane problemy integracji europejskiej, red. A. Stępnia, S.Umiński, A.Zabłocka, Uniwersytet Gdański, Sopot 2009
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed		
Work placement	Not applicable	

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