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Law and Sustainability

Educational subject description sheet

Basic information

Field of study Joint Bachelor in Sustainability		Education cycle 2025/26	
Speciality Social Sciences & Humanities		Realization year 2026/27	
Organizational unit Faculty of Law and Administration		Subject code UJ.WPAJBSSSHS.88.16585.25	
Study level first cycle (joint degree programme)		Lecture languages english	
Study form full-time degree programme		Subject related to scientific research Yes	
Education profile General academic		Disciplines Law	
Mandatory elective		ISCED classification 0421 Law	
		USOS code	
Subject coordinator	Piotr Szwedo		
Lecturer	Yesim M. Atamer, Aline Darbellay		
Period Semester 4	Examination exam	Number of ECTS points 6.0	
	Activities and hours Lecture: 28		

Goals

C1	The course will explore different legal aspects related to sustainability. Delving into the intricate interplay between law and sustainability, it will discuss the role of law and regulation in enhancing sustainable business practices. The study of international standards will illustrate how global developments contribute to shaping sustainability laws. Students will develop a holistic understanding of the current legal framework while staying abreast of recent developments that pave the way for future reforms of the legal framework.
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Subject's learning outcomes

Code	Outcomes in terms of	Effects	Examination methods
Knowledge - Student knows and understands:			
W1	the legal provisions relevant to the promotion of sustainability in law.	JBS_K1_W01, JBS_K1_W03, JBS_K1_W04, JBS_K1_W06	written exam
W2	legal challenges to sustainability endeavours.	JBS_K1_W01, JBS_K1_W03, JBS_K1_W04, JBS_K1_W07	written exam
W3	the different international legal instruments.	JBS_K1_W04, JBS_K1_W05	written exam
Skills - Student can:			
U1	apply legal provisions to exemplary cases.	JBS_K1_U03	written exam
U2	discuss legal instruments and strategies aimed at enhancing sustainability.	JBS_K1_U01	written exam
Social competences - Student is ready for:			
K1	to engage in debates about challenges to sustainability and to delve into the intricacies of the legal landscape.	JBS_K1_K04, JBS_K1_K05	written exam
K2	to explain the pros and cons of different legal solutions for enhancing sustainability.	JBS_K1_K03, JBS_K1_K05	written exam

Calculation of ECTS points

Activity form	Activity hours*
Lecture	28
preparation for classes	60
preparation for the exam	62
Student workload	Hours 150
	ECTS 6.0

* hour means 45 minutes

Study content

No.	Course content	Subject's learning outcomes
1.	Taking global action: The UN Sustainable development goals and beyond Focus on States, Outline of the framework provided by the UN Sustainable Development Goals and other relevant sources	W1, W2, W3, U1, U2, K1, K2

No.	Course content	Subject's learning outcomes
2.	Corporate conduct and Sustainability Focus on Private Actors, Mapping out legal sources and their content, such as the UNGP and the OECD Guidelines	W1, W2, W3, U1, U2, K1, K2
3.	Tort Law and Sustainability Corporate sustainability due diligence and liability of corporations	W1, W2, W3, U1, U2, K1, K2
4.	Consumer Law and Sustainability Pre-contractual and contractual obligations, remedies for breach of contract and sustainability in consumer contracts	W1, W2, W3, U1, U2, K1, K2
5.	Contract Law and Sustainability Sustainability in international sales chains – upstream and downstream	W1, W2, W3, U1, U2, K1, K2
6.	Banking Regulation and Sustainability Examining to what extent bank prudential regulation addresses sustainability concerns	W1, W2, W3, U1, U2, K1, K2
7.	Corporate Law and Sustainability Understanding perspectives of Corporate Governance and Sustainability	W1, W2, W3, U1, U2, K1, K2
8.	Financial Markets Law and Sustainability Assessing the mandatory disclosure requirements relating to sustainability information	W1, W2, W3, U1, U2, K1, K2
9.	Financial Markets Law and Sustainability Analysing the regulatory and supervisory framework relating to green funds	W1, W2, W3, U1, U2, K1, K2
10.	Financial Markets Law and Sustainability Focus on risk management and greenwashing	W1, W2, W3, U1, U2, K1, K2
11.	Competition Law and Sustainability Focus on environmental economics and sustainability agreements	W1, W2, W3, U1, U2, K1, K2
12.	Competition Law and Sustainability Focus on unsustainable conduct as abuse of a dominant position and Sustainability in merger control	W1, W2, W3, U1, U2, K1, K2
13.	Insurance Law and Sustainability Focus on the physical risk, transition risk and liability risk that insurance companies face due to climate change	W1, W2, W3, U1, U2, K1, K2
14.	Enforcement through Courts Identifying the procedural avenues that can be used for enforcement through courts	W1, W2, W3, U1, U2, K1, K2

Course advanced

Teaching methods :

text analysis, conversation lecture, discussion, case study

Activities	Examination methods	Credit conditions
Lecture	written exam	The exam will account for 100% of the grade. Active participation in classroom discussions and case study analysis (part of the lecture) (non-graded).

Entry requirements

None

Literature**Obligatory**

1. Course materials will be made available online prior to each class. Readings will include excerpts from textbooks, academic papers, case law, regulatory and institutional materials.

Effects

Code	Content
JBS_K1_K03	The graduate can consider different visions of the future and develop own evidence-based opinions in reference to the balance of values linked to economic development, social welfare, and environmental protection.
JBS_K1_K04	The graduate can critically assess and verbalize own competencies and skills related to different aspects of sustainability as well as their need for development.
JBS_K1_K05	The graduate can defend the importance of scientific data and methods as a basis for decision-making.
JBS_K1_U01	The graduate can critically analyse academic literature, formulate research questions and conduct research under supervision.
JBS_K1_U03	The graduate can apply adequate methods and tools, including selected IT tools, to solve problems related to data collection, analysis, and management in the context of sustainability.
JBS_K1_W01	The graduate can describe the concept of sustainability and recognize the differences in relevant definitions, models and approaches.
JBS_K1_W03	The graduate can give examples of sustainability-related dilemmas and hypothesize on the optimal course of action.
JBS_K1_W04	The graduate can identify sustainability-related problems specific to selected cultural, geographical, and political contexts.
JBS_K1_W05	The graduate can identify essential international instruments and institutions related to sustainability and explain their potential role in resolution of a given problem.
JBS_K1_W06	The graduate can describe interconnections between various aspects of sustainability and identify their significance in the context of natural and social sciences, with a special focus on disciplines included in the selected specialisation track (law and politics; chemistry and physics; chemistry and biology; economics and geography; economics, management and engineering; humanities).
JBS_K1_W07	The graduate can apply the theory and methodology of disciplines included in the selected specialisation track to sustainability-related problems, taking into consideration practical limitations such as protection of intellectual property.