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Private Law, Business, and Innovation
Educational subject description sheet

Basic information

Field of study Joint Bachelor in Sustainability		Education cycle 2025/26	
Speciality Law & Politics of Sustainability		Subject code UJ.WPAJBSLPSS.880.16390.25	
Organizational unit Faculty of Law and Administration		Lecture languages english	
Study level first cycle (joint degree programme)		Subject related to scientific research Yes	
Study form full-time degree programme		Disciplines Legal science, Political science and administration	
Education profile General academic		ISCED classification 0488 Interdisciplinary programmes involving broad field 04	
Mandatory obligatory		USOS code	
Subject coordinator	Piotr Szwedo		
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Period Semester 4	Examination exam	Number of ECTS points 7.0	
	Activities and hours Discussion class: 45 Workshop: 10		

Goals

C1	The aim is to interactively familiarise students with key challenges of private law, business, and innovation in the context of sustainability, utilizing the expertise of specialists from several academic institutions and disciplines. Students will learn to correctly analyse legal texts and present their own opinions.
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Subject's learning outcomes

Code	Outcomes in terms of	Effects	Examination methods
Knowledge - Student knows and understands:			
W1	the key functions, institutions, development trends, values, and norms related to private law, business, and innovation, and is able to refer to them in the context of contemporary sustainability challenges.	JBS_K1_W03, JBS_K1_W06	written exam, credit
W2	the most important processes related to the creation and application of relevant legal norms, in particular in the context of regulation of business.	JBS_K1_W05, JBS_K1_W06	written exam, credit
Skills - Student can:			
U1	develop and present a clear, concise, and logical solution to a problem in the field of private law, business, and innovation, referring to the relevant interdisciplinary aspects of sustainability and using the correct English terminology.	JBS_K1_U01, JBS_K1_U02	written exam, credit
Social competences - Student is ready for:			
K1	to critically approach their knowledge and its sources, while noticing the importance of interdisciplinary knowledge and expert opinions for solving problems linked to private law, business, innovation, and sustainability.	JBS_K1_K04, JBS_K1_K05	written exam, credit
K2	to take a position in relation to the development trends of private law, business, and innovation law, logically justifying it.	JBS_K1_K03	written exam, credit

Calculation of ECTS points

Activity form	Activity hours*
Discussion class	45
Workshop	10
preparation for classes	75
preparation for the exam	65
Student workload	Hours 195
	ECTS 7.0

* hour means 45 minutes

Study content

No.	Course content	Subject's learning outcomes
1.	Introduction / definitions	W1, W2, U1, K1, K2

No.	Course content	Subject's learning outcomes
2.	Contract and sustainable development	W1, W2, U1, K1, K2
3.	Civil liability and sustainable development	W1, W2, U1, K1, K2
4.	Property law and sustainable development	W1, W2, U1, K1, K2
5.	Labour law and sustainable development	W1, W2, U1, K1, K2
6.	Role of business in (un)sustainability; sustainable and unsustainable business models; from linear to circular economy	W1, W2, U1, K1, K2
7.	Regulation of businesses, role of sustainability in business regulation: historical continuum	W1, W2, U1, K1, K2
8.	Example 1: Regulation of corporate forms and sustainability: companies, cooperatives, other business forms	W1, W2, U1, K1, K2
9.	Example 2: Regulation of business in the market: Competition law, securities law and IPR law and sustainability	W1, W2, U1, K1, K2
10.	Example 3: Regulating by transparency: reporting on sustainability; financial market disclosures, due diligence and sustainability reporting	W1, W2, U1, K1, K2
11.	Concepts, Framework and Sources; Governance and Lawmaking	W1, W2, U1, K1, K2
12.	Law and Norms of SDG 9	W1, W2, U1, K1, K2
13.	IP and Sustainable Innovation Law	W1, W2, U1, K1, K2
14.	Climate Litigations and Innovation	W1, W2, U1, K1, K2
15.	Justice, Markets and Sustainable Innovation Law	W1, W2, U1, K1, K2

Course advanced

Teaching methods :

text analysis, brainstorming, conversation lecture, lecture with multimedia presentation, discussion, gamification

Activities	Examination methods	Credit conditions
Discussion class	written exam	Active participation including presentation of conclusions from texts and cases analysed by the students, preparing and sharing own opinions in brainstorming sessions, taking part in games and quizzes verifying the knowledge of the source materials (non-graded), written exam based on open questions (graded).
Workshop	credit	Active participation including presentation of conclusions from texts and cases analysed by the students, preparing and sharing own opinions in brainstorming sessions, taking part in games and quizzes verifying the knowledge of the source materials (non-graded; earning credit from the workshop necessary to sit the final exam)

Entry requirements

None

Literature

Obligatory

1. Materials distributed in class.

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_U02	The graduate can present and report knowledge, methodologies, ideas, problems and solutions, clearly and comprehensively, in different forms destined for different audiences - including discussions and debates which require defending a substantiated opinion, as well as conversations in a foreign language at the CEFR B2 level.
JBS_K1_W03	The graduate can give examples of sustainability-related dilemmas and hypothesize on the optimal course of action.
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).