



Subject card

Subject name and code	Basics of territorial self-governance , PG_00049236						
Field of study	Spatial Development						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2024		Academic year of realisation of subject		2026/2027		
Education level	first-cycle 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		1.0		
Learning profile	general academic profile		Assessment form		assessment		
Conducting unit	Department of Spatial Planning -> Faculty of Architecture -> Faculties of Gdańsk University of Technology						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		mgr inż. Konrad Młynarczyk				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	15.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15
	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	15		1.0		9.0	25
Subject objectives	The main aim of the course is to familiarize students with the organization and functioning of local government units in the Republic of Poland and to discuss the principles of local government administration. The lecture will discuss the constitutional model of local government, along with the constitutional laws governing local government units at various levels. It will also present basic issues related to the oversight of Polish local governments units. The course will also discuss selected tasks of local governments related to spatial planning and development, as well as selected issues related to budget management and the rules and procedures for changes in the administrative status of local governments and their boundaries.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[K6_K03] is aware of the social role of the spatial planning engineer, understands the need to promote, formulate and communicate to the public information and opinions about activities in the profession; is prepared to act in accordance with the principles of professional ethics, while taking care to cultivate the achievements and traditions of the profession of an urban planner and planner	The student knows why spatial planning has a significant impact on the life of society in the present and future generations.	[SK2] Assessment of progress of work [SK5] Assessment of ability to solve problems that arise in practice
	[K6_W06] has knowledge of the structures and organizations involved in the space management process, knows the principles and legal basis of their operation and has a basic knowledge of the relationships between structures and social institutions on a local, regional, national and international scale, as well as on intercultural relations	The student has knowledge of the organization and functioning of spatial management institutions and public authorities in legal and administrative terms.	[SW2] Assessment of knowledge contained in presentation [SW1] Assessment of factual knowledge
	[K6_W01] has knowledge related to theoretical and practical issues in the field of spatial management, the basics of planning and urban design and principles of local, regional and national development, and has basic knowledge about contemporary trends of development and revitalization of settlement structures and the life cycle of facilities and systems related to the functioning of settlement units	The student has the knowledge of contemporary spatial planning structures and principles of space management within tasks related to local and regional development planning.	[SW2] Assessment of knowledge contained in presentation [SW1] Assessment of factual knowledge
Subject contents	Course content – lecture The constitutional basis of local government and the main laws regulating the functioning of local government administration in the Republic of Poland. The division of local government administration in Poland and the public authorities at each level of local government units. The procedure for electing of public authorities of local government and their jurisdiction arising from the constitutional provisions. The constitutional principle of subsidiarity and the basic tasks of local government units, as well as their independence in the performance of public tasks. Tasks of local government units with particular emphasis on spatial planning and development. The basic principles of operation of sublocal administrative units in municipal governments and the forms of representation of representatives of the local government community in public life. Principles of supervision over local government units in the Republic of Poland and the relationship between local government and the government administration. Processes for changing the administrative status within local government units in the Republic of Poland and the procedure for changing the boundaries of local government units. The legal status of local government employees and the supporting apparatus of local government administration bodies.		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	Final test	60.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	Bogdan Dolnicki, Samorząd Terytorialny, Wolterskluwer Polska, Warszawa 2024 Zbigniew Leoński, Marek Szewczyk, Maciej Kruś, Prawo Zagospodarowania Przestrzeni, Wolterskluwer Polska, Warszawa 2019 Selected legal acts: Constitution of the Republic of Poland of April 2nd 1997 The Municipal Government Act of March 8th 1990 The County Government Act of June 5th 1998 The Regional Government Act of June 5th 1998 The Local Government Employees Act of November 21st 2008 Selected extracts of the legal acts: The Local Government Appeal Boards Act of October 12th 1994 The Government Administration in the Voivodeship Act of January 23th 2009	

	Supplementary literature	Selected jurisprudence of Provincial Administrative Courts and the Supreme Administrative Court Conflicts over space, room for conflict? "Disputes over boundary lines," or changes to municipal boundaries. Research and reports no. 21/2025, National Institute of Local Government The scale of underfunding for tasks delegated to local government units in light of common court rulings. Research and reports no. 22/2025, National Institute of Local Government
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	What is the constitutional principle of subsidiarity in the context of local government in the Republic of Poland? What are the units of local government in the Republic of Poland, and what public authorities characterize the various levels of local government? What is the procedure for electing public authorities of local government units, and what are their competencies arising from constitutional provisions? What is the autonomy of local government units and supervision over local government units? What are the forms of representation of representatives of the local government community in public life? What are the principles of operation of auxiliary units in local government? What are the changes in administrative status within local government units in the Republic of Poland? What is the procedure for changing the boundaries of local government units? What are the responsibilities of local government units in the area of spatial planning and development? What role do local government employees and the auxiliary apparatus of local government administration play?	
Practical activities within the subject	Not applicable	

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