



Subject card

Subject name and code	INTERNATIONAL TRADE, PG_00061348						
Field of study	Management						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026		Academic year of realisation of subject		2028/2029		
Education level	first-cycle studies		Subject group		Optional subject group 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		English		
Semester of study	5		ECTS credits		4.0		
Learning profile	general academic profile		Assessment form		assessment		
Conducting unit	Department of Economic -> Faculty of Management and Economics -> Faculties of Gdańsk University of Technology						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr hab. inż. Aleksandra Parteka				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	15.0	0.0	30.0	0.0	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		6.0		49.0	100
Subject objectives	The aim of the course is to provide theoretical and empirical knowledge related to international trade analysis.						
Learning outcomes	Course outcome		Subject outcome		Method of verification		
	[K6_W03] identifies reliable sources of information relevant to the analyzed issues		identifies reliable sources of data on international trade that allow for robust trade analysis		[SW1] Assessment of factual knowledge		
	[K6_K01] demonstrates awareness of legal, ethical and cultural diversity issues by making socially responsible decisions		presents the results obtained from comprehensive analyses, being aware of the responsibility for their interpretation		[SK5] Assessment of ability to solve problems that arise in practice		
Subject contents	Course content – lecture Lectures						
	1 Introduction 2 World trade (I). Who trades with whom? The gravity model. 3 World trade: (II). Historical overview. 4 World trade (III). What do we trade? 5 Labour productivity and comparative advantage: the Ricardian model. 6 Resources and trade: the Heckscher-Ohlin model 7 Distributional effects of trade 8 Trade and economic growth 9 Economies of scale and the international location of production 10 Firms in the global economy: export decisions, outsourcing and multinationals 11 Global value chains and trade in intermediate goods 12 Instruments of trade policy 13. The economics of trade policy 14. Trade policy in developing countries and trade policy controversies 15. Recent challenges in international trade: Covid19, trade wars, political conflicts, environmental challenges Final assessment of lectures (written) Labs - analytical assignments using specialised software (practical sessions). Analysis of topics covered in lectures using real trade data from UNComtrade and other international data sources, empirical analysis of international trade. Final lab assessment.						

Prerequisites and co-requisites	Knowledge of macroeconomics. Basic knowledge of excel.		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	Final test (lectures)	60.0%	50.0%
	Lab test	60.0%	50.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	Krugman, P. R., & Obstfeld, M. & Melitz M. (12th edition - 2022 or earlier editions). International Trade: Theory and Policy, Global Edition. Pearson Krugman, P. R., & Obstfeld, M. & Melitz M. (12th edition - 2022 or earlier editions). International Economics: Theory and Policy. Global Edition. Pearson (Chapters 1-12) Salvatore D. International economics. John Wiley & Sons, 12th ed. 2019 (Chapters 1-12)	
	Supplementary literature	Salvatore D. International economics. John Wiley & Sons, 13th ed. 2019 (Chapters 1-12) WTO World Trade Reports https://www.wto.org/english/res_e/reser_e/wtr_e.htm UNCTAD Trade and Development Reports https://unctad.org/topic/macro-economics/trade-development-report	
	eResources addresses		
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Log in to WITS (http://wits.worldbank.org/) using your username and password, then download trade value data (exports) for the USA, China, and Poland following the instructions provided during labs to obtain the data file in XLS format. Based on the downloaded data, create a chart showing the evolution of total trade (exports) in the analyzed countries over time, remembering to properly label all axes, units, and add a legend. Finally, comment on the observed trends, comparing the export performance of the three economies and identifying key turning points and potential factors explaining differences in their trade results.		
Practical activities within the subject	Not applicable		

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