# POZNAN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY



EUROPEAN CREDIT TRANSFER AND ACCUMULATION SYSTEM (ECTS)

# **COURSE DESCRIPTION CARD - SYLLABUS**

Course name

Decision Aiding in Logistics [S2Trans1-LogTr>WDwL]

| Course   |                        |                                   |            |
|--|------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Field of study<br>Transport  |                        | Year/Semester<br>1/2              |            |
| Area of study (specialization)<br>Logistics of Transport             |                        | Profile of study general academic |            |
| Level of study<br>second-cycle                                       |                        | Course offered in Polish          |            |
| Form of study<br>full-time   |                        | Requirements compulsory           |            |
| Number of hours  |                        |                                   |            |
| Lecture<br>15  | Laboratory classe<br>0 |                                   | Other<br>0 |
| Tutorials<br>0   | Projects/seminars<br>0 | 3                                 |            |
| Number of credit points 1,00   |                        |                                   |            |
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#### **Prerequisites**

Knowledge: the student has a basic knowledge of transport, its role in the economy and society. Skills: the student is able to interpret phenomena occurring in organizations, formulate opinions, draw conclusions. Social competencies: the student is able to work in a group, shows independence in solving problems, acquiring and improving the knowledge.

## Course objective

Learning the concepts of decision aiding and making in the field of logistics, including decision problems, how to solve them and implement improvements in logistic companies.

### Course-related learning outcomes

Knowledge:

The student knows the development trends and the most important new achievements of means of transport and other selected related scientific disciplines.

The student has an advanced and a detailed knowledge of the processes occurring in the life cycle of transport systems.

The student has a basic knowledge of managing / running a business and individual entrepreneurship.

Skills:

The student is able to use information and communication techniques applied in the implementation of projects in the field of transport.

The student is able - when formulating and solving engineering tasks - to integrate knowledge from various areas of transport (and, if necessary, also knowledge from other scientific disciplines) and apply a systemic approach, also taking into account non-technical aspects.

The student is able to interact in a team, assuming various roles in it.

Social competences:

The student understands that in the field of transport engineering, knowledge and skills very quickly become obsolete.

The student is aware of the need to develop professional achievements and observe the rules of professional ethics.

The student understands the importance of popularizing activities regarding the latest achievements in the field of transport engineering.

### Methods for verifying learning outcomes and assessment criteria

Learning outcomes presented above are verified as follows:

Activity during lectures, including participation in discussions and ongoing preparation for classes. Workshops consisting of team solving a given decision problem. Written test to verify the learning outcomes.

## Programme content

The course is composed of the following items:

- 1. Decision Situation.
- 2. Multiple Criteria Decision Aiding (MCDA).
- 3. Decision Aiding Methods.
- 4. Analysis of Selected MCDA Methods.
- 5. Algorithm for Selecting the MCDA Method to Solve a Decision Problem.

### **Course topics**

1. Reminder of key concepts related to the decision-making process; introduction to issues related to decision problems in logistics and how to solve them. Presentation of the main thematic areas and discussion of the detailed program of activities.

2. Decision problem analysis. The essence of decisions made in logistics. Basic entities involved in the decision-making process and their impact on the decision aiding process.

3. Types of decision problems in logistics, their essence and characteristics. Creating a mathematical model for the ranking problem, including evaluation criteria, a performance matrix and a model of decision maker's preferences.

4. Characteristics of various methodological trends in the area of decision aiding methods. Presentation of selected decision aiding methods.

5. Selection of the most suitable method allowing to solve a decision problem - basic stages.

6. The application of a selected method to solve a decision problem in a logistic company. Workshops.

7. Summary of lectures. Written test.

### **Teaching methods**

1. Problem lecture with a multimedia presentation.

2. Case study.

### Bibliography

Basic

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#### Breakdown of average student's workload

|  | Hours | ECTS |
|--|-------|------|
| Total workload   | 30    | 1,00 |
| Classes requiring direct contact with the teacher  | 15    | 0,50 |
| Student's own work (literature studies, preparation for laboratory classes/<br>tutorials, preparation for tests/exam, project preparation) | 15    | 0,50 |