



Year	2025/2026		
Course title	Financial Frauds (e-learning)		
Course number	230538 - 2853		3 ECTS points
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A. Course objective

The aim of the lecture is to explain the process of frauds in banking, finance, insurance and other financial services. The main point will be focus on the management of information in economic fraud, including investments in banks, mutual funds, insurance companies, and non-financial firms. The lecture highlights the main concepts, which are important for understanding how to improve low detectability of frauds, how to avoid tax fraud, how to supervise people responsible for money.

B. Abstract

1. Theory of financial frauds and psychology of frauds;
2. Financial pyramids;
3. Tax frauds and creative accounting
4. Financial frauds in selected sectors of financial market;
5. Process of obtaining money under false pretences
6. Financial frauds detection
7. Prevention of money laundering and terrorist financing

C. Learning outcomes

Knowledge	1. Knowledge of the basic kinds and fundamentals of financial frauds. 2. Knowledge of the method of the financial fraud's detection 3. Knowledge of the modus operandi fraudsters on financial market.
Skills	1. The ability to solve the case study concerning the financial frauds. 2. The ability to identify in practice described kinds of financial frauds. 3. The ability of detecting the red flags in the main kinds of financial frauds.
Social competencies	1. Sensitivity to identification of financial frauds and abuses accompanying the actions of individuals and financial market institutions. 2. Awareness of personal responsibility of civil society for making decisions and omitting necessary anti-money laundering and terrorist financing measures. 3. Presentation of social consequences of reporting any irregularities related to the risk of crimes committed on financial markets.

D. Main issues

- 1 Theory of financial frauds;
- 2 Psychology of frauds;
- 3 Financial pyramids in theory
- 4 Financial pyramids in practice
- 5 Tax frauds and creative accounting
- 6 Carousel fraud
- 7 Banking frauds. Credit Frauds. E-banking crimes and Cash card's frauds
- 8 Insurance frauds
- 9 Frauds on capital markets
- 10 Process of obtaining money under false pretences
- 11 Social engineering vs. financial frauds
- 12 National authorities competent to detect and combat financial frauds
- 13 International authorities competent to detect and combat financial frauds
- 14 Whistleblowing
- 15 Prevention of money laundering and terrorist financing

E. Basic literature

1) Nancy E. Marion, Jason Twede, Cybercrime: An Encyclopedia of Digital Crime, ABC-CLIO 2020. 2) Barry Rider (ed.), Research Handbook on International Financial Crime, Edward Elgar Publishing 2015. 3) Abdul Rafay (ed.), Handbook of Research on Theory and Practice of Financial Crimes, IGI Global 2021. 4) Ben Carlson, Don't Fall For It: A Short History of Financial Scams, Wiley 2020. 5) Yanping Liu, Minghai Tian, Yanming Shao (ed.), Cybercrimes and Financial Crimes in the Global Era, Springer 2022. 6) Jesus Strike, Securities And Investment Fraud: History Of Financial Frauds In US: Financial Fraud, Independently Published 2021. 7) Monica V. Achim, Sorin N. Borlea, Economic and Financial Crime: Corruption, shadow economy, and money laundering, Springer 2020.

F. Supplementary literature

1) Hannelore Carleton, The Financial Scams in US History: A Brief History Of Financial Fraud Laws: History Of Financial Frauds, Independently Published 2021. 2) Dan Davies, Lying for Money: How Legendary Frauds Reveal the Workings of the World, Simon&Schuster Inc., New York 2018. 3) Caollen Cross, Anatomy of a Ponzi Scheme: Scams Past and Present: The New York Times Bestseller, Slice Publishing and Investing Books, 2017. 4) Alan Doig, Michael Levi, Frauds and Financial Crimes: Trends, Strategic Responses, and Implementation Issues in England and Wales, Taylor&Francis Group 2021. 5) Robert Tillman, Henry N. Pontell, William Kurt Black, Financial Crime and Crises in the Era of False Profits, Oxford University Press 2018. 6) Majid Yar, Kevin F. Steinmetz, Cybercrime and Society, SAGE 2018. 7) Thomas J. Holt, Anita Lavorgna (ed.), Researching Cybercrimes: Methodologies, Ethics, and Critical Approaches, Springer 2021. 8) Jonathan Kirk, Thomas Samuels, Lee Finch, Mis-Selling Financial Services, Edward Elgar Publishing Limited 2019.

G. Author's most important publications concerning the offered course

Małgorzata Zaleska, Magdalena Kozińska, Private banking : tradycja i nowoczesność w bezpiecznym wydaniu, 2022; Magdalena Kozińska, dr Beata Zdanowicz, Jarosław Michalewicz, Justyna Pycka, Jak Europa radzi sobie z problemowymi bankami, W: Obserwator Finansowy.pl, 2020; Magdalena Kozińska, Tomasz Jura, Resolution i upadłość w sektorze bankowym na przykładzie Sberbank Europe AG , W: Bezpieczny Bank, 2022

H. Numbers of required prerequisites

not required

I. Course size and mode

	Full-time	Saturday-Sunday	Afternoon
Total:	30	14	-
e-learning	30	14	-

J. Final mark (assessment)

others (Graded Activity on the e-SGH Platform (Final Projects after each module and Forum Assignments)) 100%

Percentage of absences above which the subject is not counted/not pass 0%
(does not apply to lectures) - expressed as a percentage of hours above which the achievement of learning outcomes is excluded.

Detailed assessment criteria:

K. Foreign language requirements

English

L. Selection criteria

Ranking list

M. Methods applied

e-learning