Name: Sustainability reporting
Name in Polish:
Name in English: Sustainability reporting

Information on course:

Course offered by department:	Faculty of Organisation and Management
Course for department:	Silesian University of Technology
Study level and form:	Master's degree/Bachelor's degree, Full-time, semester VII
Term:	Winter semester 2025/2026
Coordinator of course edition:	Dr hab. inż. Patrycja Hąbek, prof. PŚ

Default type of course examination report:

Language:

English

Course homepage:

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Short description:

The aim of this program is to equip participants with a comprehensive understanding of sustainability reporting, enabling them to communicate an organization's commitment to sustainability effectively, align with global reporting standards and regulations, engage stakeholders, and apply best practices in various industries. Participants will develop the knowledge and skills needed to navigate the complex landscape of sustainability reporting, fostering a culture of transparency, accountability, and responsible business practices.

Description:

Lecture 15h:

1. Introduction to Sustainability Reporting

1.1. Understanding Sustainability: Definition of sustainability, Importance of sustainability in business

1.2. Sustainability Reporting Overview: Purpose and benefits of sustainability reporting, Evolution of sustainability reporting standards

1.3. Stakeholders and Sustainability: Identifying key stakeholders, Understanding stakeholder expectations, Handling stakeholder feedback and concerns

2: Sustainability Reporting Frameworks and Standards

2.1. Global Reporting Initiative (GRI): Reporting process according to GRI

2.2. Aligning reporting with the United Nations SDGs

2.3. Integrated Reporting: Concept and principles of integrated reporting, Integration of financial and non-financial information

2.4. ISO 26000: Social Responsibility

2.5. Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) disclosures

3. Regulatory landscape for sustainability reporting

3.1 The EU Directive on Corporate Sustainability Reporting (CSRD)

3.1 Data Verification and Assurance: Ensuring data accuracy and reliability, Third-party assurance and auditing

4. Reporting Case Studies and Best Practices: Industry-specific Reporting, Case studies from various industries

Project 15h:

1.   Students create a sustainability report for a real organisation applying knowledge and skills acquired throughout the course.

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Learning outcomes:

Knowledge. Knows and understands:

K1A _W2 Theories and general methodology of research in management and quality sciences as well as the nature, place and importance of social sciences in engineering and managerial activities specific to the management and organization of sociotechnical systems.

K1A _W5 Basic social, economic, legal, ethical and other non-technical conditions of engineering activity, including basic concepts and principles in the field of protection of industrial property and copyright.

K1A _W6 Basic principles and objectives of sustainable development and their importance in the product life cycle.

Skills. Is able to:

K1A _U2 Identify, analyze and interpret social and economic phenomena and processes using knowledge in the field of social sciences and standard methods and tools of management and quality sciences in engineering management activities aimed at shaping the efficiency, productivity and organization of production enterprises.

K1A _U12 Use a foreign language at the B2 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.

Social competences. Is ready for:

K1A _K2 Fulfilling social obligations, co-organizing activities for the social environment, initiating activities for the public interest, thinking and acting in an entrepreneurial manner.

Assessment methods and assessment criteria:

Lecture: Test of knowledge provided during lecture. Passing threshold: 50% of points.

Project: the final sustainability report project must be presented.

Course final grade: arithmetic mean of grades from lecture and project classes.

Practical placement: