CAPITAL STRUCTURE AND DIVIDEND POLICY Elżbieta Wrońska-Bukalska Academic year 2017/2018 **Spring** semester

Erasmus code PLUBLIN01	Module name	Capital structure and dividend policy				
Internation						
Language of instruction						
Prerequisites						
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Information about classes in the cycle

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	ATTITUDES 1. K02 - able to interact and work in a group, accepting the different roles 2. K05 - knows how to participate in the preparation of social projects and can provide multi-social impact of its activities 6. K06 - can independently and critically complement the knowledge and skills extended to interdisciplinary dimension
A list of topics	The lecture covers the following issues: 1. Capital definition. Capital and assets. 2. Equity and Debts 3. Long-term and short-term capital 4. Designing the level of capital 5. Designing the structure of capital 6. Determinants of capital structure: costs of capital, CAPM, Gordon formula, WACC 7. Determinants of capital structure: business risk, operational leverage, financial risk, financial level 8. Other determinants of capital structure: assets structure, quality of assets, the age and the size of the company, risk aversion of management 9. Theories of capital structure: Modigliani-Miller model, trade-off model, pecking order theory 10. Dividend policy and capital structure 11. Forms of dividend payments 12. Dividend policies 13. Dividend and buy-back 14. Determinants of dividend payments: expected investment, operating cash flow, investors' expectations
Teaching methods	Informative lecture, case study analysis,
Assessment methods	Attendance (at least 75%), individual case study preparation. The final note is the result of the weighted average of attendance (30%) and assessment of individual project (70%).