

Subject card

Subject name and code	Criminology and victimology - lecture, PG_00137866						
Field of study	Law						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2023		Academic year of realisation of subject		2026/2027		
Education level	uniform Master's studies		Subject group		Optional subject group		
Mode of study	full-time studies		Mode of delivery		at the university		
Year of study	4		Language of instruction		Polish		
Semester of study	8		ECTS credits		3.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		exam		
Conducting unit							
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Agnieszka Dalecka-Werpachowska				
	Teachers		dr Agnieszka Dalecka-Werpachowska				
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	30.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30
	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	30		0.0		45.0	75
Subject objectives	Educational objectivesGeneral objectives						
	1. To familiarize students with the basic trends and theories of criminology and victimology. 2. To develop the ability to critically analyze the causes of crime and social responses to crime. 3. To develop sensitivity to the situation of crime victims and their place in the justice system. 4. To understand the relationship between criminology, criminal law, criminal policy, and human rights.						
	Specific objectives						
	The student: - understands the interdisciplinary nature of criminology and victimology; - is familiar with biological, psychological, and sociological theories of crime; - is able to explain the mechanisms of deviance, social control, and stigmatization; - analyzes the position of the victim in criminal law and models of justice; - evaluates traditional and restorative models of response to crime.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[PRAWOJ5_KO03] He/she is prepared for active participation in groups, organizations and institutions connected with law, is also able to communicate with specialists and non-specialists in the field of law	The student is prepared to cooperate with institutions and organizations involved in crime prevention, responses to crime and victim support.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[PRAWOJ5_WK11] The graduate has deepened knowledge of the principles of creating and developing basic forms of individual entrepreneurship.	The student knows the basic criminological risks associated with business activity and their significance for entrepreneurs.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
	[PRAWOJ5_UW04] He/she efficiently observes and analyzes moral, ethical and legal dilemmas in professional work	The student is able to apply legal and professional standards when analysing problems concerning crime, offenders and victims.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[PRAWOJ5_UW06] The graduate is able to assess the usefulness of typical procedures and good practice in the implementation of tasks connected with various spheres connected with law and related fields	The student is able to assess the usefulness of methods, procedures and good practices applied in crime prevention, responses to crime and victim protection.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[PRAWOJ5_WG08] He/she has deepened knowledge of sources of Polish law, its changes and processes of law formation	The student understands the significance of legal regulations and their changes for defining, measuring and interpreting crime and the situation of victims.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
	[PRAWOJ5_KR07] The graduate is ready to take up professional challenges, takes up efforts and is persistent in the implementation of individual and group activities in the creation, application or interpretation of legal regulations and related sciences	The student is prepared to undertake professional challenges related to the analysis of crime and victimization and to carry out individual and team tasks in this field.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[PRAWOJ5_WG07] The graduate knows methods and tools, including techniques of data and information acquisition, as well as research methods appropriate for the field of study and the related disciplines	The student knows criminological and victimological research methods as well as the basic sources and techniques for obtaining data on crime and victimization.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
	[PRAWOJ5_UW03] The graduate demonstrates deepened skills of using complex theoretical points of view to analyze, interpret and plan strategies of legal activities; solves concrete problems connected with the creation, application and interpretation of legal regulations, anticipates the course of their solution and predicts the effects of planned activities	The student is able to use criminological and victimological concepts and theories to analyse crime, explain its determinants and assess possible responses.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[PRAWOJ5_KR06] He/she behaves in ethical and professional way, follows the principles of ethics	The student is prepared to approach crime and victimization in an ethical and professional manner, particularly with respect for the rights and circumstances of victims.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[PRAWOJ5_WK10] He/she understands and knows the basic concepts and principles of industrial property protection and copyright law, as well as understands the need for proper protection of intellectual property and managing its resources	The student knows the basic criminological problems related to infringements of intellectual property and understands the social importance of its protection.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
	[PRAWOJ5_UW01] He/she has advanced skills in observation and interpretation of social phenomena, analyzes their connections with various areas, activity of legal science and the related disciplines	The student is able to observe, identify and interpret crime and victimization and analyse their relationships with law and other social phenomena.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SU4] test/exam - oral or written

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[PRAWOJ5_WK13] He/she has advanced knowledge of the functioning of professional self-governments in legal professions, is familiar with the principles of judges' and prosecutors' professions, and has knowledge of the organization of the judiciary in Poland.	The student understands the role of justice institutions and legal professionals in responding to crime and protecting victims.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
[PRAWOJ5_WK12] He/she has knowledge of occupational health and safety in public administration institutions	The student knows selected risks related to crime and victimization occurring in the workplace, including public administration institutions.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
[PRAWOJ5_KK01] The graduate is deeply aware of the level of his/her knowledge and skills, and also understands the need of lifelong learning	The student is aware of the complexity of crime and victimization and recognizes the need to continuously update criminological and victimological knowledge.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SK4] test/exam - oral or written
[PRAWOJ5_UU12] He/she acquires knowledge efficiently and develops his/her professional skills using various sources (in native and foreign language) and modern technologies	The student is able to independently acquire and update criminological and victimological knowledge using various sources of information and modern technologies.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
[PRAWOJ5_UO11] He/she can work well in a team and can coordinate the team's work when solving legal problems, interpreting legal acts, and preparing written or oral opinions on a matter.	The student is able to work in a team when analysing criminological and victimological problems and formulating proposals for their solution.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
[PRAWOJ5_WG06] He/she has systematic knowledge about the man as the subject establishing social structures and principles of their operation and about the man as the individual operating in these structures	The student knows and understands the social and individual determinants of crime and mechanisms of victimization, as well as the position of offenders and victims within social structures.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
[PRAWOJ5_WG05] The graduate demonstrates systematic knowledge about the types of legal relations and the governing regularities	The student understands the significance of social and legal relationships for the emergence of crime and processes of victimization.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
[PRAWOJ5_UK09] He/she demonstrates wide skills in preparing speeches in the field of law in Polish and foreign language	The student is able to prepare and deliver an oral presentation on criminological and victimological issues using appropriate terminology.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
[PRAWOJ5_UK08] The graduate has wide skills to prepare written works connected with the work of a lawyer in Polish and foreign language	The student is able to prepare written work on selected criminological and victimological problems using appropriate sources and terminology.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
[PRAWOJ5_WG09] He/she demonstrates deepened and systematic knowledge about the processes of changes of political systems and of individual authorities, as well as the consequences of these changes	The student understands the significance of institutional and social changes for state responses to crime and the protection of victims.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
[PRAWOJ5_WG01] The graduate demonstrates deepened and systematic knowledge about the character of legal science, its place in the system of sciences and mutual relations.	The student knows and understands the place of criminology and victimology within the system of sciences and their relationship with legal and other social sciences.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
[PRAWOJ5_WG02] He/she knows wide terminology and concepts in the scope of law and connected disciplines	The student knows and correctly uses criminological and victimological terminology, particularly concepts concerning crime, offenders, victims and victimization.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion

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	[PRAWOJ5_WG03] He/she demonstrates deepened knowledge about the political system in Poland, about individual authorities with particular consideration of legislative authority and the judiciary,	The student knows the role of state authorities and the justice system in preventing and responding to crime and protecting victims.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
	[PRAWOJ5_WG04] He/she knows the system of Polish law, mutual connections within the system and connections of Polish law with the European Union law and international law	The student understands the significance of national, European Union and international law for crime prevention and the protection of victims.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
	[PRAWOJ5_UW07] He/she has the skills in understanding and analyzing social phenomena and utilizing this analysis in his/her professional work.	The student is able to analyse criminological and victimological phenomena and apply the results of such analysis in the context of future professional practice.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[PRAWOJ5_UW05] He/she can observe and analyze moral, ethical and legal dilemmas in professional work	The student is able to identify and analyse legal and ethical dilemmas related to responses to crime, the treatment of offenders and the protection of victims.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[PRAWOJ5_KR05] He/she prepares responsibly to his/her work; can determine priorities in work and plan work appropriately	The student is prepared to responsibly plan and carry out tasks related to criminological and victimological problems and to determine priorities for undertaken activities.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[PRAWOJ5_KK02] He/she is aware of the necessity to widen professional competences and qualifications, to improve skills, is able to indicate the direction of own development and education independently in widened and deepened way	The student recognizes the need to continuously develop knowledge and competences due to the changing nature of criminological and victimological phenomena.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[PRAWOJ5_UW02] The graduate utilizes theoretical knowledge in legal science and the connected academic disciplines to analyze and interpret complex legal issues	The student is able to integrate legal, criminological and victimological knowledge in order to analyse complex problems concerning crime, its causes and consequences.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[PRAWOJ5_KO04] The graduate is ready to prepare own projects connected with the creation, application and interpretation of legal regulations, including projects co-financed by the European Union's funds	The student is prepared to develop social projects concerning crime prevention, reduction of victimization risks and support for victims.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SK4] test/exam - oral or written

Subject contents	Criminology and victimology concept, subject, research methods. Biological concepts of crime (Lombroso, Kretschmer, Sheldon criticism). Psychological theories of crime (Freud, Eysenck, behaviorism, frustration aggression). Sociological theories of crime: anomie (Durkheim, Merton), Chicago school, cultural conflict (Sellin), differential association (Sutherland). Theories of social control and stigmatization, criminal career theory (Hirschi, Lemert, etc.). Controlology (J.Q. Wilson, C. Ray Jaffrey): broken windows theory, CPTED, penal populism. Crime as a social phenomenon structure, dynamics, crime cards. Victimology the concept of victim, typologies of victims. The effects of crime on victims (psychological, social, economic). Special victims: children, women, the elderly, victims of domestic violence. Restorative justice origins, philosophical and legal foundations. Models of restorative justice (mediation, conferences, restorative circles). Restorative justice in Polish and comparative law.
Prerequisites and co-requisites	Prerequisites The following are required to enroll in this course: completion of a course in substantive criminal law (in particular the general part), completion of a course in criminal procedural law (covering the basics of criminal proceedings), ability to use basic criminal law acts, in particular the Criminal Code and the Code of Criminal Procedure. A basic knowledge of constitutional law in the area of criminal liability and the right to defense is also recommended.

Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	The achievement of learning outcomes is verified on the basis of: · a written or oral exam covering theoretical issues in the field of criminology and victimology; Assessment criteria include: · factual accuracy and knowledge of criminological concepts, · ability to analyze and interpret crime and victimization phenomena, · ability to critically use subject literature, · independence and logical reasoning.	51.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	Basic literature Criminology Piotr Chomczyński, Przemysław Frąckowiak, Dagmara Woźniakowska (eds.) Criminology. Theory and Practice Warsaw: Wydawnictwo Naukowe PWN, 2024. Brunon Hołyst, Criminology (12th ed.) Warsaw: Wolters Kluwer, 2022. Emil W. Pływaczewski (eds.), Crime in the 21st Century: Opportunities and Challenges for Criminology Białystok: Wydawnictwo Temida 2, 2020 (editorial team). Victimology: Ewa Bieńkowska, Victimology Warsaw: Wolters Kluwer Polska, 2018. Cezary Kulesza, Procedural Victimology Białystok: Wydawnictwo Temida 2, 2020. Brunon Hołyst, Criminal Victimology Warsaw: Wydawnictwo Naukowe PWN, 2021.	
	Supplementary literature	Supplementary literature Criminology Emil W. Pływaczewski, Ewa M. Guzik-Makaruk (eds.) Selected legal, criminological, and medical aspects of social exclusion Białystok: Wydawnictwo Temida 2, 2016. Anthony Walsh, Cody Jorgensen, Criminology: The Essentials, 4th Ed. Los Angeles/London: SAGE Publications, 2025 Sandra Walklate (red.), Handbook of Victims and Victimology, London/ New York: Routledge, 2018	
	eResources addresses		
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	1. What factors do biological criminological theories refer to? 2. What factors are taken into account in psychological criminological theories? 3. How do sociological criminological theories explain theories of crime? 4. How can biosocial theories influence the direction of future criminological research? 5. The usefulness of criminology in preventing crime and combating problems resulting from crime 6. B. Mendelsohn's general victimology - relevance in contemporary debates. 7. Feminist criminology and its criticism.		
Work placement	Not applicable		

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