

Subject card

Subject name and code	Forensic psychiatry - lecture, PG_00146356						
Field of study	Law						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2022		Academic year of realisation of subject		2025/2026		
Education level	uniform Master's studies		Subject group		Optional subject group		
Mode of study	evening studies		Mode of delivery		at the university		
Year of study	4		Language of instruction		Polish		
Semester of study	7		ECTS credits		2.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		credit		
Conducting unit							
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr n. med. Agnieszka Welento-Nowacka				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	15.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15
	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	15		0.0		35.0	50
Subject objectives	Providing knowledge in the field of forensic psychiatry in order to use it in professional work (for the purposes of criminal and civil law). Increasing the knowledge necessary to understand medical language at the hearing. The acquired knowledge will allow you to combine knowledge from clinical psychiatry and other fields of medical sciences with the determination of temporary incapacity for work, compensation proceedings and civil and criminal law.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[PRAWOJ5_WG02] He/she knows wide terminology and concepts in the scope of law and connected disciplines	Knows basic terminology in the field of psychopathology. Knows the law rules about expert witness.	[SW4] 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	Do not meet	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[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.	Do not meet	[SW4] 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	Do not meet	[SK4] 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	Is able to assess the usefulness of expert's opinion	[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	Do not meet	[SK4] 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.	Do not meet	[SU4] 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	Do not meet	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[PRAWOJ5_KK01] The graduate is deeply aware of the level of his/her knowledge and skills, and also understands the need of lifelong learning	Do not meet	[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	Do not meet	[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	Do not meet	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[PRAWOJ5_WG08] He/she has deepened knowledge of sources of Polish law, its changes and processes of law formation	Do not meet	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written

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	[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	Is able to assess the reliability of an expert psychiatrist's opinion	[SW4] 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	Do not meet	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[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	Do not meet	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[PRAWOJ5_UW04] He/she efficiently observes and analyzes moral, ethical and legal dilemmas in professional work	Do not meet	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[PRAWOJ5_WK12] He/she has knowledge of occupational health and safety in public administration institutions	Do not meet	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[PRAWOJ5_WK11] The graduate has deepened knowledge of the principles of creating and developing basic forms of individual entrepreneurship.	Do not meet	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[PRAWOJ5_KR06] He/she behaves in ethical and professional way, follows the principles of ethics	Do not meet	[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	Do not meet	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[PRAWOJ5_UW05] He/she can observe and analyze moral, ethical and legal dilemmas in professional work	Do not meet	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[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.	Do not meet	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[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,	Do not meet	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[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	Do not meet	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[PRAWOJ5_UW07] He/she has the skills in understanding and analyzing social phenomena and utilizing this analysis in his/her professional work.	Do not meet	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written

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	[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	Do not meet	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[PRAWOJ5_UK09] He/she demonstrates wide skills in preparing speeches in the field of law in Polish and foreign language	Do not meet	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[PRAWOJ5_WG05] The graduate demonstrates systematic knowledge about the types of legal relations and the governing regularities	Do not meet	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[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	Do not meet	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[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	Do not meet	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[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	Do not meet	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
Subject contents	1. Court expert competences 2. What should it contain and what is its correct structure of psychiatric assessment, i.e. what should a lawyer pay attention to when reading a forensic psychiatric opinion for the first time? 3. Sanity and what are its components 4. Conscious and free expression of will 5. Health damage and other questions that arise in civil, compensation and labor court cases 6. General psychopathology - orientation, memory, consciousness, mood, drive, disorders of the flow and content of thinking, perception disorders 7. Detailed psychopathology in the context of forensic psychiatric assessment: psychotic disorders, affective disorders, anxiety disorders, intellectual disability, personality disorders, addictions, damage to the central nervous system 8. Other disturbances of mental functions - principles of assessment 9. Selected issues in forensic-sexological assessment and forensic-psychiatric assessment of minors 10. Assessment of the likelihood of committing acts of significant social harm 11. Security measures 12. Other problematic mental disorders in the opinion: autism spectrum disorders, impulse addictions 13. "Controversies" in the opinion - murder in a state of severe agitation, extended suicide		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	Single-choice test	51.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	1. "Psychiatria sądowa" Piotr Galecki, Krzysztof Eichstaedt 2. "Ekspertyza sądowa" Dariusz Zuba, Józef Wójcikiewicz, Dariusz Wilk, Maria Kala 3. "Niepoczytalność i psychiatryczne środki zabezpieczające. Zagadnienia prawno-materiałne, procesowe, psychiatryczne i psychologiczne" Gierowski Józef Krzysztof, Paprzycki Lech 4. "Środki zabezpieczające. Ujęcie systemowe" redakcja: Agnieszka Barczak-Oplustil, Małgorzata Pyrcak-Górowska, Andrzej Zoll	

	Supplementary literature	1. Kocur, J., & Trendak, W. (2009). Psychiatryczno-sądowe kryteria oceny zdolności do świadomego albo swobodnego powzięcia decyzji i wyrażenia woli. <i>Archiwum Medycyny Sądowej</i>, 2. 2. Welento-Nowacka, A. (2024). Predykcja zachowań o charakterze przemocy z wykorzystaniem założeń ustrukturyzowanej profesjonalnej oceny ryzyka. 3. Gałecki, P., & Szulc, A. (2020). <i>Psychiatria</i>. Edra Urban & Partner.
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Understanding psychopathology. Assessment of forensic psychiatric opinions. Sanity - psychiatric and psychological premises. Security measures.	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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