

Subject card

Subject name and code	Criminal Law Protection of Freedom of Conscience and Religion - lecture, PG_00136482						
Field of study	Administration						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject		2026/2027		
Education level	Bachelor's studies		Subject group		Obligatory subject group in the field of study		
Mode of study	part-time studies		Mode of delivery		at the university		
Year of study	2		Language of instruction		Polish		
Semester of study	4		ECTS credits		2.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		credit		
Conducting unit	Faculty of Law and Administration -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Pawel Petasz				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20
	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	20		0.0		30.0	50
Subject objectives	Providing students with knowledge on the criminal law protection of freedom of conscience and religion.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[ADMINL3_KK01] The student is aware of the role of knowledge in problem-solving, as well as the necessity of relying on expert knowledge – including opinions of doctrine and case law – in situations that exceed the capacity to solve the problem independently.	is aware of the role of knowledge in solving problems, as well as the need to use expert knowledge - including in the form of doctrine and jurisprudence - in situations that exceed the possibilities of independently solving the problem in the field of penal protection of religious freedom	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[ADMINL3_WK04] The student knows and understands the current dilemmas regarding the functioning of institutions of substantive and procedural law in the sphere of the state and administration. Additionally, he identifies key phenomena occurring in the market economy and economics, including knowledge and understanding of the basic principles of public finance and the operation of various forms of entrepreneurship.	understands the dilemmas related to the protection of freedom of conscience and religion by criminal law	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[ADMINL3_WG03] At an advanced level, the student is able to characterize the system of public authority (national, local, and EU-level), the structure of administration, the process of appointing bodies, their competencies, and the domains in which they operate, as well as the legal and organizational conditions of administrative functioning.	is able to define the relationship between public administration and religious associations	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[ADMINL3_WG01] At an advanced level, the student is able to define the sciences of law, administration, and politics, as well as knows the concepts and terminology appropriate to them.	can define the legal and criminal protection of religious freedom in Poland	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
Subject contents	1. Issues related to freedom of conscience and religion. The concept of freedom of conscience and religion. The historical development of tolerance and religious freedom. The subjective and objective scope of freedom of conscience and religion. The limits of freedom of conscience and religion. The sources and guarantees of freedom of conscience and religion. Protection of religious freedom in national and international law; 2. Basic concepts related to freedom of conscience and religion (primarily the concepts of "freedom," "religion," "religious tolerance," and "religious associations"). 3. Models of relations between the state and religious associations. The model of connection between the state and religious associations. Freedom of conscience and religion in the model of connection. The model of separation between the state and religious associations. Freedom of conscience and religion in the model of separation. 4. Criminal law and religious freedom in a historical perspective. 5. Criminal law protection of religious freedom in the Second Polish Republic. 6. Criminal law protection of freedom of conscience and religion in the People's Republic of Poland. 7. Criminal law protection of freedom of conscience and religion in a democratic state governed by the rule of law in the light of the 1997 Penal Code. 8. Development trends in penal protection of religious freedom.		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
		51.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	P. Petasz, Przemiany karnoprawnej ochrony wolności sumienia i wyznania w Polsce, Gdańsk 2020 r.	

	Supplementary literature	1. Filar M., Przestępstwa przeciwko wolności sumienia i wyznania, [w:] Nowa kodyfikacja karna. Kodeks karny. Krótkie komentarze, z. 18, Warszawa 1998 2. Flasiński S., Stępień T., Przestępstwa przeciwko wolności sumienia i wyznania w świetle orzecznictwa Sądu Najwyższego, Problemy Praworządności, nr 1 / 1986 3. Gardocki L., Prawo karne, Warszawa 2009 4. Kłaczyńska N., Dyskryminacja religijna a prawnokarna ochrona wolności sumienia i wyznania, Wrocław 2005 5. Pietrzak M., Prawo wyznaniowe, Warszawa 2005 6. Krukowski J., Polskie prawo wyznaniowe, Warszawa 2005 7. Marshall Paul A., Religious Freedom in the World, Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2007
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	What is religious freedom? What is the crime of religious discrimination?	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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