

Subject card

Subject name and code	Criminological aspects of public safety - lecture, PG_00136485						
Field of study	Administration						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject		2027/2028		
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	3		Language of instruction		Polish		
Semester of study	5		ECTS credits		3.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		credit		
Conducting unit	Department of Material Criminal Law and Criminology -> Faculty of Law and Administration -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Agnieszka Dalecka-Werpachowska				
	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		55.0	75
Subject objectives	The aim of the course is to provide students with indepth knowledge of the criminological determinants of public safety and the role of public administration in preventing and responding to threats arising from crime and other pathological phenomena. During the course, students become familiar with fundamental concepts, theories, and models explaining criminogenic phenomena, as well as current issues and trends in public safety in Poland and worldwide. Particular emphasis is placed on analyzing factors contributing to safety violations, identifying risk groups, understanding the role of administrative bodies in ensuring public order, and examining cooperation between state, local government, and social institutions.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[ADMINTL3_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.	The student is aware of the role of expert knowledge in analyzing public safety issues and is able to use doctrinal views, case law, and expert opinions when addressing problems that go beyond the scope of independent resolution.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SK4] test/exam - oral or written [SK5] implementation of a problem task
	[ADMINTL3_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.	The student understands current dilemmas concerning the functioning of substantive and procedural law institutions in the sphere of public safety. The student is able to identify links between legal provisions and social and economic phenomena, including the impact of security policy on the functioning of public finances and public administration.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
	[ADMINTL3_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.	The student is able, at an advanced level, to characterize the structure and competences of public authorities – national, local, and EU – responsible for ensuring public safety. The student knows the procedures for their appointment, the legal basis of their functioning, and the tasks related to maintaining public order.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
	[ADMINTL3_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.	The student is able, at an advanced level, to define the basic issues in the fields of law, administration, and politics in the context of public safety. The student knows the terminology specific to these disciplines and can correctly apply it when analyzing legal and administrative problems.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SW3] text preparation/written work
Subject contents	The course covers issues related to the criminological determinants of public safety and the role of public administration in ensuring it. The lectures will introduce the fundamental concepts of public safety, its evolution, and its place within state policy. Students will become familiar with key criminological categories and theories that explain criminogenic phenomena as well as the mechanisms behind the emergence and development of crime and other social pathologies. Particular emphasis will be placed on the analysis of safety threats, including the identification of risk factors, groups particularly vulnerable to victimization, and current crime trends in Poland and worldwide. The structure and competences of public authorities national, local, and EU responsible for ensuring safety will be discussed, along with the principles of cooperation between these authorities and non-governmental organizations and the local community. The lectures will also present legal and organizational instruments used to prevent and respond to safety threats, with particular emphasis on measures of criminal and administrative law.		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	written exam/test	51.0%	100.0%

Recommended reading	Basic literature	P. Chomczyński, P. Frąckowiak, D. Woźniakowska, <i>Criminology: Theory and Practice</i>, Warsaw 2024. W. Dadak, M. Grzyb, A. Szuba-Boroń, J. Widacki (eds.), <i>Criminology: An Outline of the System</i>, Warsaw 2022. N. Daśko, V. KonarskaWrzosek, <i>Criminal Policy: An Outline of the System</i>, Warsaw 2025. E. Bieńkowska, <i>Victimology: Concepts, Research Directions, Perspectives</i>, Wrocław 1992. J. Błachut, A. Gaberle, K. Krajewski, <i>Criminology</i>, Gdańsk 2004. W. Zalewski, <i>Sprawiedliwość naprawcza. Początek ewolucji polskiego prawa karnego?</i>, Gdańsk 2006
	Supplementary literature	D. DajnowiczPiesiecka, E. JurgielewiczDelegacz, E. W. Pływaczewski, <i>Crime in the 21st Century: Opportunities and Challenges for Criminology</i>, Warsaw 2020. B. Hołyst, <i>Criminology</i>, Warsaw 2022. J. Czapska, H. Kury (eds.), <i>The Myth of Repressiveness, or on the Importance of Crime Prevention</i>, Kraków 2002.
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	As part of the lecture, students will become familiar with both basic and advanced issues concerning public safety from a criminological perspective. The course covers definitions of public safety, classifications of threats, and the social, economic, and cultural factors influencing their occurrence. An important element of the lecture is the analysis of criminological theories explaining the genesis of crime and other pathological phenomena, as well as identifying the role of public administration in the system of ensuring safety. During the lectures, issues related to the structure and competences of public authorities national, local, and EU responsible for public safety are discussed. Students learn about legal and organizational instruments used in the prevention and combating of threats, including measures of criminal and administrative law. Current problems and ethical dilemmas related to the activities of public administration and security services are also addressed, particularly in the context of protecting human rights and civil liberties.	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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