

Subject card

Subject name and code	Basics of psychological knowledge - lecture, PG_00134636						
Field of study	Podstawy wiedzy psychologicznej - wykład						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject		2025/2026		
Education level	Master's studies		Subject group		Optional subject group		
Mode of study	part-time studies		Mode of delivery		at the university		
Year of study	1		Language of instruction		Polish None		
Semester of study	1		ECTS credits		2.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		credit		
Conducting unit	Division of Criminology -> Department of Material Criminal Law and Criminology -> Faculty of Law and Administration -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr hab. Artur Ziółkowski				
	Teachers		dr Zdzisław Nieckarz				
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	The aim of the course is to deepen students knowledge in the fields of developmental, social, personality, and clinical psychology in the context of phenomena relevant to criminology, as well as to develop their ability for critical analysis and practical application of psychological knowledge in research and professional practice. Students will acquire advanced competencies in understanding the mechanisms of human cognitive and emotional functioning, and they will also be able to integrate psychological knowledge with other theoretical and empirical perspectives in the analysis of crime and violence.						
Learning outcomes	Course outcome		Subject outcome		Method of verification		
	[KRYMMU2_WG01] Has an in-depth knowledge of the nature of legal and related penal sciences, their place in the system of sciences and their interrelationships		The student has advanced knowledge of the place of psychology within the system of sciences and its connections with legal and penal sciences, and is able to indicate how psychological knowledge supports the practical work of criminologists.		[SW4] test/egzamin - ustny lub pisemny		
	[KRYMMU2_KK01] Is aware of the level of his knowledge and skills, and understands the need for lifelong learning		The student critically evaluates the level of their psychological knowledge in the context of phenomena relevant to criminology and recognizes the need for its systematic deepening and updating in the course of further education and professional practice.		[SK3] opracowanie tekstowe/ praca pisemna		
	[KRYMMU2_WG03] Has an exhanced knowledge of the subject matter of the regulation of individual branches of law related to the studied major		The student has advanced knowledge of the psychological determinants of human functioning in the social world and can indicate practical areas of applying psychological knowledge in the implementation of legal regulations relevant to criminology.		[SW4] test/egzamin - ustny lub pisemny		

Subject contents	Psychology as a science, new research directions (including AI, trauma). Selected aspects of human developmental psychology (including the theory of difficult temperament, identity development including negative identity, brain maturation). Biological, psychological, and social determinants of adolescents risk behaviors (normative tendency toward risk-taking in adolescence). Mechanisms of social influence (Polish research). Love and romantic relationships (attachment theory). Stereotypes and prejudice (cross-cultural research). Selected aspects of the psychology of emotions and motivation. Aggression and violence. The concept of normality and pathology in the context of personality disorders (antisocial behaviors). Selected aspects of the impact of new technologies on human health, cyberbullying, and addictions.		
Prerequisites and co-requisites	Completed introductory course in psychology (Bachelors level)		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	essay	51.0%	10.0%
	test	51.0%	90.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	APA PsycArticles	
	Supplementary literature	APA PsycArticles	
	eResources addresses		
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Psychological aspects of humanAI interaction Fundamentals of psychotraumatology Difficult temperament and its relation to antisocial behaviors Neurodevelopmental correlates of the formation of antisocial behaviors Risk-taking behaviors in adolescents and the development of the prefrontal cortex Influence and (dis)obedience Psychology of lying Criteria for personality disorders (new DSM-5 and ICD-11 classifications) Other		
Work placement	Not applicable		

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