University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Drug crime - legal, psychological and forensic aspects - lecture, PG_00132533		
Field of study	Criminology		
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025	Academic year of realisation of subject	2026/2027
Education level	Master'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	3	ECTS credits	2.0
Learning profile	academic	Assessment form	exam
Conducting unit	Faculty of Law and Administration -> Rector		
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor	dr Krzysztof Stasiak	
	Teachers	dr n. med. Agnieszka Welento-Nowacka dr Marek Skwarcow	

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 familiarise students with the issue of drug crime from a psychological perspective. In terms of law, students will learn about the Act on Counteracting Drug Addiction, the basic classifications of narcotic substances and so-called drug offences.

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[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 in-depth knowledge of the subject matter of criminal law, criminal procedure and criminal enforcement law, as well as legislation on combating drug abuse, insofar as it relates to the detection, prosecution and combating of drug-related crime.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[KRYMMU2_WG05] Has an in-depth knowledge of methods and tools, including data and information extraction techniques, specific to criminology and forensic science	The student has in-depth knowledge of the methods and tools – including techniques for collecting, analysing and interpreting data and information – specific to criminology and forensic science, which are used to identify and study drug-related crime.	[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
	[KRYMMU2_WG06] Has an in-depth knowledge and is familiar with the terminology of psychology and sociology and related sciences in the disciplines related to the field of study	The student has in-depth knowledge and is familiar with the terminology of psychology, sociology and related disciplines, which are relevant to identifying the psychological and social determinants of drug-related crime and behaviours associated with the use of psychoactive substances.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[KRYMMU2_KK01] Is aware of the level of his knowledge and skills, and understands the need for lifelong learning	The student is aware of the level of their own knowledge and skills regarding drug-related crime and understands the need to continually expand and update these, particularly in light of legal, social and criminological developments relating to this phenomenon.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion
	[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 an in-depth understanding of the nature of legal sciences and criminal sciences, their place within the academic system, and the interrelationships between them in areas relevant to the identification, analysis and prevention of drug-related crime.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written

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<tr><td>Subject contents</td><td>Lecture topics:

The psychology of crime and motives for breaking the law.

Law and drugs.

Types of psychoactive substances.

Legalisation, decriminalisation or depenalisation?

Health consequences of marijuana use.

Drug cartels Drug trafficking in Poland and worldwide.

Effects and health consequences of psychoactive substance use.

Recognising the use of psychoactive substances.

The Act on Counteracting Drug Addiction.

Types of prohibited acts relating to drugs.

Penalties and punitive measures applied in the case of drug offences.

The problem of so-called designer drugs and the legal classification of intoxicating substances.

Combating drug offences.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Prerequisites and co-requisites</td><td>There are no prerequisites or additional requirements.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Assessment methods and criteria</td><td><table><tr><th>Subject passing criteria</th><th>Passing threshold</th><th>Percentage of the final grade</th></tr><tr><td>Exam</td><td>51.0%</td><td>100.0%</td></tr></table></td></tr>
<tr><td>Recommended reading</td><td><table><tr><td>Basic literature</td><td>Pospiszyl I., (2008) Social Pathologies. PWN Scientific Publishers, Warsaw HOŁYST Brunon: Criminal Sociology. Vol. 2. - Warsaw: LexisNexis, 2007. - pp. 128-136: The impact of hallucinogenic and stimulant drugs on road accidents and accidents at work. Police detection methods HOŁYST Brunon: Contemporary problems of organised crime in Poland // In: Man in the face of the law / scientific editor Beata Pastwa Wojciechowska. - Krakow: Impuls; Gdańsk: University of Gdańsk, 2008. - pp. 247-265 Drug-related crime (p. 263).</td></tr><tr><td>Supplementary literature</td><td>Pospiszyl I., (2008) Social Pathologies. Wydawnictwo Naukowe PWN Warsaw; Szulc M., (2013) Health consequences of marijuana use in the light of research and a proposal to standardise the position of psychologists on the issue of cannabis legalisation, formulated on the basis of the Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct for Psychologists. Alcoholism and Drug Addiction 2013, Volume 26, No. 4, 381401 Lenson D., On drugs, University of Minnesota Press, 1995.</td></tr><tr><td>eResources addresses</td><td></td></tr></table></td></tr>
<tr><td>Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed</td><td>Types of offences specified in the Act on Counteracting Drug Addiction</td></tr>
<tr><td>Work placement</td><td>Not applicable</td></tr>
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