

Subject card

Subject name and code	History of modern criminal police - lecture, PG_00132783						
Field of study	Criminology						
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	full-time studies		Mode of delivery		at the university		
Year of study	1		Language of instruction		Polish -		
Semester of study	2		ECTS credits		1.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		credit		
Conducting unit	Department of History of Law -> Faculty of Law and Administration -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Jacek Waldoch				
	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		5.0	25
Subject objectives	The aim of the course is to present the origins, development and contemporary organizational forms of criminal police in selected countries of the world, with particular emphasis on their function in combating crime, the evolution of investigative methods and the impact of social, political and technological changes on their activities. The course aims to develop students' skills in comparative analysis of police systems and understanding the relationship between law enforcement agencies and the rule of law, civil rights and professional ethics.						
Learning outcomes	Course outcome		Subject outcome		Method of verification		
	[KRYMMU2_KK01] Is aware of the level of his knowledge and skills, and understands the need for lifelong learning		Is aware of the importance of knowledge in the field of psychology and sociology for effective and ethical work in public administration and other social institutions.		[SK2] presentation/project/paper/report		
	[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		Has in-depth knowledge of basic psychological and sociological theories relevant to understanding the functioning of individuals and groups in the context of administration and public safety.		[SW2] presentation/project/paper/report		

Subject contents	Introduction to the history of criminal police The concept of criminal police and its place in the structure of law enforcement agencies Differences between the order, investigative and criminal police The birth of modern criminal police in the 19th century The establishment of Scotland Yard (Great Britain) The establishment of the Sureté Nationale (France) The first criminal registers, the beginnings of forensics The development of criminal police in continental Europe (19th/20th centuries) Prussia and the German Empire systematization of investigations Italy, Austria, Russia models of centralization and repression Criminal police in the USA The establishment of the FBI and its role in the fight against organized crime City detectives and federal agencies The development of investigative techniques The development of investigative and identification techniques Fingerprinting, anthropometry, police photography Creating criminal files and databases Profiling criminal and behavioral research Criminal police during totalitarianism (Third Reich, USSR) Gestapo and NKVD when investigation becomes repression The boundary between prosecuting crime and political persecution Rebuilding and democratizing criminal police after 1945 Denazification, reforms, European police cooperation (Interpol) Police independence and citizen control Contemporary models of criminal police in Europe and the USA Structural and competence differences Operational, investigative, analytical work New challenges for criminal police Organized crime, cybercrime, terrorism International cooperation and cross-border challenges Polish criminal police against the European background Interwar tradition, PRL, transformation after 1989 Challenges, problems and directions of development of contemporary criminal police in Poland Institutional culture and ethics of criminal police Image Police in Society Tensions Between Effectiveness and Civil Rights Public Trust and Transparency of Operational Activities Summary: Criminal Police in the Service of Law or Power? Reflection on the Limits of Law Enforcement, Ethical Dilemmas and the Legitimization of Investigative Activities		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	quality	51.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	-	
	Supplementary literature	-	
	eResources addresses		
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	-		
Work placement	Not applicable		

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