

Subject card

Subject name and code	Sociology of law for criminologists - lecture, PG_00132249						
Field of study	Criminology						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject		2027/2028		
Education level	Bachelor's studies		Subject group		Optional subject group		
Mode of study	part-time studies		Mode of delivery		at the university		
Year of study	3		Language of instruction		Polish		
Semester of study	6		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 Wojciech Zieliński				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10
	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	10		0.0		40.0	50
Subject objectives	To provide students with theoretical knowledge of the subject, scope, and methods of the sociology of law, as well as its links to criminology, legal theory, and penal sciences. To enable students to understand law as a social phenomenon, analyzing its role in shaping social order, social control, and conflict resolution. To examine the social determinants of the creation, validity, and application of law, including the influence of values, norms, institutions, and group interests. To develop skills in sociological analysis of law, including distinguishing legal from moral and customary norms, and assessing the effectiveness of law and informal social control. To foster critical and research competencies for analyzing practical legal and criminological issues, such as crime, illegality, and social reactions to violations of law. To prepare students for the practical application of knowledge, particularly regarding the functions of law in justice institutions, social policy, and public security systems.						
Learning outcomes	Course outcome		Subject outcome		Method of verification		
	[KRYML3_KK01] Is aware of the level of his knowledge and skills, and understands the need for lifelong learning and the need to expand professional competence and qualifications, as well as to improve skills		The student is aware of the limitations of their knowledge in the field of the sociology of law and recognizes the need for its further development.		[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion		
	[KRYML3_WG02] To an advanced degree, he knows the terminology and key concepts of law, criminology and related sciences, including law, psychology and sociology, to the extent related to the studied major		The student has an advanced knowledge of the terminology and key concepts of the sociology of law and understands their connections with law, criminology, psychology, and sociology.		[SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion		
	[KRYML3_WG07] Is aware with research methods and tools, including data and information acquisition techniques, appropriate for this area of knowledge		The student is familiar with research methods and tools used in the sociology of law, including techniques for collecting and analyzing data on the functioning of law in society.		[SW2] presentation/project/paper/report		

Subject contents	Introduction to the Sociology of Law Law as a Social Phenomenon Social Determinants of Law Law in Action Law and Criminological Phenomena Contemporary Issues in the Sociology of Law		
Prerequisites and co-requisites	no requirements		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	Conscious and active participation in classes, discussion of selected reading.	51.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	Zbigniew Cywiński, Andrzej Kojder, Sociology of Law: Main Problems and Figures Kazimierz Frieske, Sociology of Law Michał Roch Kaczmarczyk, Civil Disobedience and the Concept of Law Andrzej Kojder, The Dignity and the Power of Law Adam Podgórecki, Sociology of Law Maria Zmierzczak, Sławomira Wronkowska, A Compendium of Knowledge on Society, the State, and Law	
	Supplementary literature	Earl Babbie, The Sociological Spirit Howard S. Becker, Outsiders: Studies in the Sociology of Deviance Roger Cotterrell, The Sociology of Law: An Introduction Émile Durkheim, The Rules of Sociological Method Michel Foucault, Discipline and Punish Erving Goffman, Stigma: Notes on the Management of Spoiled Identity Jürgen Habermas, Between Facts and Norms: Contributions to a Discourse Theory of Law and Democracy	
	eResources addresses	Basic https://polona.pl/ - Polona https://academica.edu.pl/ - Academica Supplementary https://www.academia.edu - Academia.edu https://scholar.google.pl/ - Google Scholar	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	What distinguishes law from other social norms? What are the main functions of law in society? How is the sociology of law connected with criminology? What is the difference between law in the codes and law in action? Which social factors determine the effectiveness or ineffectiveness of law? How do public opinion and the media influence the creation of law? What is the significance of social theories in the study of law and crime? How do globalization and new technologies change the functioning of law?		
Work placement	Not applicable		

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