

Subject card

Subject name and code	Penitentiary psychology - lecture, PG_00134178						
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		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	6		ECTS credits		1.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		exam		
Conducting unit	Faculty of Law and Administration -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr hab. Andrzej Piotrowski				
	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		15.0	25
Subject objectives	The purpose of the class is to provide basic information about the functioning of penitentiary institutions, methods of psychological interventions and the impact of prison isolation on human functioning.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[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	Has a structured and in-depth knowledge of the specialisation of psychology, including terminology, theory and methodology	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[KRYML3_WG04] Has advanced knowledge of the role of state bodies in counteracting socio-pathological phenomena, especially crimes, the internal structure of these bodies and their competencies	Be able to use and integrate theoretical knowledge from psychology and related disciplines to analyse complex psychological, educational, supportive or therapeutic problems, as well as to diagnose and design practical actions	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[KRYML3_UW01] In advanced level is able to use theoretical knowledge of criminology and related disciplines to analyze, interpret and solve problems related to criminology	Is convinced of the necessity and importance of behaving in a professional manner and observes the principles of professional ethics; perceives and formulates moral problems and ethical dilemmas related to his/her own and others' work; seeks optimal solutions and opportunities to correct incorrect psychological actions	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[KRYML3_WG06] Has advanced knowledge of the problems of perpetrators and victims of crime, including the causes of socio-pathological behavior, factors affecting victimization, measures to prevent secondary victimization, as well as the duties and powers of these persons during criminal proceedings	Appreciates the importance of psychological sciences for the development of the individual and proper relationships in society, has a positive attitude towards the acquisition of knowledge in the scientific discipline studied and the building of a psychologist's workshop	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
Subject contents	History of the prison system. Organization of the prison system in the world. Organization of the penitentiary system in Poland. Basics of the functioning of the Prison Service. Theories of crime. Characteristics of the inmate community. Objectives and principles of imprisonment and pretrial detention. The impact of prison isolation on human functioning. Measures of influence on convicts. Preparation of convicts to leave prison. Post-penitentiary assistance. Contemporary research within the framework of penitentiary psychology and criminology.		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	Written exam - a test and a presentation of the selected topic.	51.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	Ciosek, M. (2000). Psychologia sądowa i penitencjarna. Warszawa, Wydawnictwo Prawnicze PWN. Ciosek, M., B. Pastwa-Wojciechowska (red.) (2015). Psychologia penitencjarna. Warszawa, Wydawnictwo PWN.	
	Supplementary literature	Niewiadomska, I. (2007). Osobowościowe uwarunkowania skuteczności kary pozbawienia wolności. Lublin, Wydawnictwo KUL. Piotrowski, A. (2010). Stres i wypalenie zawodowe funkcjonariuszy Służby Więziennej. Warszawa, Difin. Przybyliński, S. (2006). Podkultura więzienna. Wielowymiarowość rzeczywistości penitencjarnej. Kraków, Oficyna Wydawnicza Impuls	
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Typology of prisons. Functions of the prison subculture.
Work placement	Not applicable

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