

Subject card

Subject name and code	Serial killers - the origins of evil - lecture, PG_00131780						
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	full-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				
Conducting unit	Faculty of Law and Administration -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Magdalena Kasprzak				
	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		30.0	50
Subject objectives	Presentation of a comprehensive forensic and criminological analysis in relation to specific perpetrators of crimes - case study.Transfer of general knowledge in the field of forensics and its role in evidentiary proceedings. Familiarization of students with the possibilities of using forensic solutions/tools in practice.Acquisition and understanding by students of detailed principles of forensics and emphasizing the relationship of forensics with other fields of science.						
Learning outcomes	Course outcome		Subject outcome		Method of verification		
	[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		Knowledge of the role of law enforcement agencies and the scope of forensic psychology and the possibilities of its use to verify criminogenic factors, taking into account the functioning and role of related sciences.		[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion [SW2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SW3] text preparation/written work [SW5] implementation of a problem task		
	[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		Knowledge of the role and detailed functions of forensics and forensic psychology in both the legal system and the functioning of state administration and the protection of society.		[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion [SW2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SW5] implementation of a problem task		
	[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		Knowledge of the assumptions and conceptual framework of forensics and related sciences. Knowledge of the departments, functions and goals of forensics in the context of cooperation with related sciences in the context of the applicable legal system.		[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion [SW5] implementation of a problem task		

Subject contents	1. Serial Killer - Concept Analysis2. Typology of Serial Killers3. Modus Operandi - Concept Analysis4. Serial Killers - Case Study5. Scope and Characteristics of Investigative Methods		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	Activity during classes	40.0%	40.0%
	Term paper	60.0%	60.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	1. E. Gruza, M. Goc, J. Moszczyński, Kryminalistyka. Czyli o współczesnych metodach dowodzenia przestępstw, wyd. Wolters Kluwer Polska, 2020.2. B. Hołyst, Psychologia kryminalistyczna, wyd. Difin, Warszawa 2018.3. B. Hołyst, Kryminologia, wyd. Wolters Kluwer Polska, Warszawa 2016.4. J.E. Douglas, M. Olshaker, Motywy zbrodni. Metody działania agenta specjalnego FBI, wyd. Książka i Wiedza, Warszawa 2002.	
	Supplementary literature	1. .M. Olshaker, J.E. Douglas, Mindhunter, wyd. Znak Literanova, Kraków 2017.2. M. Olshaker, J.E. Douglas, Mindhunter Podróż w ciemność, wyd. Znak Literanova, Kraków 2018.3. B. Hołyst, Kryminalistyka, wyd. Wolters Kluwer Polska, Warszawa 2017.4. James E. Girard, Criminalistics, Jones and Bartlett Publishers, 2017	
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Independent analysis of problem issues.Case studies.		
Work placement	Not applicable		

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