

Subject card

Subject name and code	The Police law - lecture, PG_00131771						
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	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		exam		
Conducting unit	Department of Criminal Procedure and Criminalistics -> Faculty of Law and Administration -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Maciej Fingas				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	30.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30
	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	30		0.0		20.0	50
Subject objectives	The aim is to familiarize students with the basic regulations that create police law, to understand and assimilate the conceptual framework of police law and to use it freely. Knowledge of basic legal regulations in the field of police law and the ability to interpret and apply the provisions contained therein.						
Learning outcomes	Course outcome		Subject outcome		Method of verification		
	[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		Possesses advanced knowledge of the role of the Police in counteracting socio-pathological phenomena, especially crimes, the internal structure of the Police and its competences.		[SW4] test/exam - oral or written		
	[KRYML3_WG05] In advanced degree knows the basic principles of criminal responsibility, the principles of punishment, the type of criminal reaction measures used, their basic principles and institutions		Has an advanced knowledge of the role of the Police in punishing criminals.		[SW4] test/exam - oral or written		

Subject contents	1. Historical conditions of police development in Poland and worldwide 2. Contemporary trends in the organization and tasks of the police in a comparative approach 3. Organization and scope of tasks of the Police in Poland 4. International and European police cooperation 5. Powers and obligations of a police officer 6. Conditions for the use of direct coercive measures 7. The issue of using body-worn cameras and recording police interventions by private persons 8. Police and domestic violence 9. Police and road traffic control 10. Police arrests 11. Operational and intelligence activities of the Police - introduction and development trends 12. Operational and intelligence activities in the light of the case law of Polish courts and the case law of the ECtHR 13. Specific forms of operational work: operational control, sham transaction, secretly supervised delivery, other forms of operational work 14. Police as a body of preparatory proceedings in criminal proceedings 15. Police as a public prosecutor in cases of misdemeanour 16. Privatisation of state tasks in the area of ensuring public safety		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	Exams are graded according to the percentage scale resulting from the Study Regulations.	51.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature Hołyst B., Police in the World, Warsaw 2011 Kotowski W., The Police Act. Commentary, Warsaw 2012 Szumilo-Kulczycka D., Operational and Reconnaissance Activities and Their Relations to the Criminal Procedure, Warsaw 2012		

	Supplementary literature	Taracha A., Operational and reconnaissance activities. Forensic and legal-evidence aspects, Lublin 2006 Czapska J., Wójcikiewicz J., Police in civil society, Kraków 1999 B. Hay, Sting Operations, Undercover Agents, and Entrapment, Missouri Law Review 2005, vol. 70, issue 2 L. Stariene, The limits of the use of undercover agents and the right to a fair trial under article 6(1) of the European Convention on Human Rights, Jurisprudence 2009, vol. 3 (117) J. Sherman, A person otherwise innocent: Policing Entrapment in Preventative, Undercover, Counterterrorism Investigations, Journal of Constitutional Law 2009, vol. 11
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Describe the grounds for police officers to check people's identity Describe the questioning of a person in accordance with the rules set out in the Code of Criminal Procedure Describe operational control Describe police provocation	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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