

Subject card

Subject name and code	Victimology I (General education about the victim) - auditorium classes, PG_00131395						
Field of study	Wiktymologia I (Nauka ogólna o ofierze) - ćwiczenia						
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	5		ECTS credits		1.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		credit		
Conducting unit	Department of Material Criminal Law and Criminology -> Faculty of Law and Administration -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Agnieszka Dalecka-Werpachowska				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	0.0	20.0	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 familiarize students with the fundamental concepts, theories, and research directions in victimology and to highlight the significance of victim-related issues. The course covers victim typologies, risk factors for victimization, mechanisms of primary and secondary victimization, as well as the social and legal consequences of being a crime victim. Students gain knowledge about the relationship between the victim and the offender, as well as the role of the victim in criminal proceedings and within the justice system. Another objective of the course is to develop the ability to analyse cases of victimization and to reflect on possible forms of support and protection for victims.						

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	The student possesses in-depth knowledge of offenders and victims of crime, including the causes of pathological behaviors, factors influencing victimization, methods of preventing secondary victimization, as well as the rights and obligations of these individuals during criminal proceedings.	[SW4] test/egzamin - ustny lub pisemny [SW1] wypowiedź ustna/rozmowa/dyskusja [SW5] realizacja zadania problemowego
	[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	Possesses advanced knowledge of the terminology and key concepts of law, criminology, and related disciplines, including law, psychology, and sociology, in the area related to the field of study.	[SW4] test/egzamin - ustny lub pisemny [SW1] wypowiedź ustna/rozmowa/dyskusja
	[KRYML3_WG01] Has advanced knowledge of the nature of legal sciences, including, in particular, the branches of law related to the studied major, knows their place in the field of social sciences and understands the relationship between them	Has advanced knowledge of the nature of legal sciences, particularly the branches of law related to the field of study; knows their place within the social sciences and understands the relationships between them.	[SW4] test/egzamin - ustny lub pisemny [SW1] wypowiedź ustna/rozmowa/dyskusja
	[KRYML3_UU02] In an advanced degree, he understands and can analyze social phenomena and use the results of this analysis in his professional work. Is able to recognize and analyze moral and legal dilemmas in professional work	The student is able to analyze social phenomena at an advanced level and apply the results of this analysis in professional practice. They can identify and interpret moral and legal dilemmas in professional work and propose appropriate solutions.	[SU1] wypowiedź ustna/rozmowa/dyskusja [SU4] test/egzamin - ustny lub pisemny [SU5] realizacja zadania problemowego
Subject contents	During the course, the origins and development of victimology, the main research directions, and the place of this discipline within the system of penal and social sciences are discussed. Definitions of crime victims, victim typologies, and factors increasing the risk of victimization are presented. Particular attention is devoted to the mechanisms of primary and secondary victimization, including the role of public institutions and the media in the process of secondary victimization. The course also addresses the social and legal consequences of being a crime victim, including the rights and obligations of victims in criminal proceedings and available forms of support and protection. The relationship between the victim and the offender is analysed, along with issues related to societal perceptions of victims and victim-related stereotypes. A key element of the course is the analysis of case studies, which allows for the practical application of acquired knowledge and reflection on preventive measures and ways to improve the situation of victims within the legal and social system.		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	written exam/test	51.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	E. Bieńkowska, <i>Victimology</i>, Warsaw 2018. P. Chomczyński, P. Frąckowiak, D. Woźniakowska, <i>Criminology. Theory and Practice</i>, Warsaw 2024. J. Malec, Raport. The Situation of Crime Victims in Poland, Bulletin of the Commissioner for Human Rights, 2002, No. 45.	

	Supplementary literature	S. Spurek, <i>Counteracting Domestic Violence. Commentary</i>, Warsaw, 2023. B. Hołyst, <i>Social Victimology</i>, Warsaw, 2024. L. Falandysz, <i>Victimology</i>, Warsaw, 1979. W. Klaus, L. Mazowiecka, A. Tarwacka (eds.), <i>On the Issues of Victimology. Book Dedicated to Professor Ewa Bieńkowska</i>, Warsaw, 2017. M. Kowalczyk, <i>Serial and Multiple Killers: A Criminological and Victimological Study</i>, Nicolaus Copernicus University Press, Toruń, 2021.
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Origins and development of victimology as a scientific discipline. Basic concepts and victimological terminology. Typologies of crime victims criteria and practical significance. Risk factors for victimization and groups particularly vulnerable to victimization. Mechanisms of primary and secondary victimization the role of public institutions, law enforcement and the media. Victims rights in criminal proceedings protection and support of the injured party. Offendervictim relationship and its significance for the victimization process. Victimization prevention systemic and local measures. Social perceptions of victims and victim-related stereotypes. Current practical issues and research directions in victimology in Poland and worldwide.	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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