

Subject card

Subject name and code	European criminal law - lecture, PG_00131376						
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	5		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	Providing basic knowledge on cooperation in criminal matters within the European Union. Understanding the significance and conditions of European integration processes in the sphere of criminal law.						
Learning outcomes	Course outcome		Subject outcome		Method of verification		
	[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		Is able to identify and analyse moral and legal dilemmas related to criminal law in the context of European law and the case law of the ECtHR.		[SU4] 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 advanced knowledge of the basic principles and institutions of European criminal law.		[SW4] test/exam - oral or written		
	[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 advanced knowledge of the terminology and key concepts of European criminal law.		[SW4] test/exam - oral or written		

Subject contents	1. The concept and subject of "European criminal law". Relations between European criminal law and international criminal law.2. Evolution of cooperation between EU Member States in the area of criminal law. 3. Sources of EU law. Interpretation of European criminal law. Conformist interpretation of national criminal law. The importance of the Court of Justice of the EU. Protection of fundamental rights in the EU. The Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU. The importance of the European Convention on Human Rights. The European principle of ne bis in idem.4. EU institutions and their role in relation to cooperation in criminal matters. Bodies supporting cooperation in criminal matters. The Office of the European Public Prosecutor.5. European cooperation in the area of substantive criminal law (Types of cooperation. EU competence to harmonise substantive criminal law. Areas of substantive criminal law covered by harmonisation)6. Harmonisation of criminal procedural law (Rights of victims of crimes. Conflicts of jurisdiction. Procedural guarantees in criminal proceedings)7. Principles of judicial cooperation in criminal matters within the EU.8. Judicial cooperation in criminal matters (Legal assistance in criminal matters - European Investigation Order. European Arrest Warrant. Mutual recognition of judgments. Mutual recognition of evidence).9. Police cooperation in criminal matters.10. Prospects for the development of European criminal law.		
Prerequisites and co-requisites	none		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	Student achievements are expressed in grades according to a scale consistent with the Study Regulations.	51.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	Roberto E. Kostoris, Handbook of European Criminal Procedure, Springer 2018 A. Grzelak, M. Królikowski, A. Sakowicz (eds.), European Criminal Law, Warsaw 2012	
	Supplementary literature	1. M. Szwarc-Kuczer, Competences of the European Union in the field of harmonization of substantive criminal law, Warsaw 20112. European Arrest Warrant in Theory and Practice of the Member States of the European Union, ed. P. Hofmański, Warsaw 20083. A. Klip, European Criminal Law. An integrative approach, Cambridge-Antwerp-Portland 2016	
	eResources addresses		
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Describe the harmonization of criminal procedural law. Describe the direct effect of the directive.The right to interpretation and translation in European criminal law.		
Work placement	Not applicable		

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