

Subject card

Subject name and code	European human rights standards - lecture, PG_00131565						
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	5		ECTS credits		1.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		credit		
Conducting unit	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	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		5.0	25
Subject objectives	The aim is to gain the necessary knowledge about the human rights standards in force in Europe and their importance in the national, integrated legal system.						
Learning outcomes	Course outcome		Subject outcome		Method of verification		
	[KRYML3_KK01] Is aware of the level of his knowledge and skills, and understands the need for lifelong learning and the need to expand professional competence and qualifications, as well as to improve skills		Is aware of the level of his/her knowledge of European human rights standards.		[SK4] test/exam - oral or written		
	[KRYML3_WG07] Is aware with research methods and tools, including data and information acquisition techniques, appropriate for this area of knowledge		Knows research methods and tools, including techniques for obtaining data and information on ECtHR case law and European 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 an advanced knowledge of the terminology and key concepts of human rights in the context of EU standards.		[SW4] test/exam - oral or written		

Subject contents	1. Introductory characteristics of human rights protection in Europe. Protection of human rights within European regional organizations: Council of Europe, European Union, OSCE.2. Principles and scope of human rights protection in Europe. ECHR in the European legal space, ECHR and Polish law Obligation to respect human rights, principle of subsidiarity, principle of effectiveness, dynamic interpretation of the Convention, principle of consensus, autonomous interpretation, principle of proportionality and fair balance, margin of appreciation doctrine, concept of positive obligations, limitations of rights3. Characteristics of selected human rights with particular emphasis on criminal law issues. Freedom of expression, right to privacy, right to personal liberty and security, freedom of assembly and association, rights related to the administration of justice.4. The ECHR control mechanism: jurisdiction of the European Court of Human Rights: scope of state responsibility, the concept of a victim of a violation of the Convention, personal, substantive and temporal jurisdiction, the issue of the extraterritorial scope of application of the ECHR, individual application: conditions of admissibility, inter-state application, proceedings before the Strasbourg Court, enforcement of ECHR judgments.5. The European Convention on Human Rights and the Charter of Fundamental Rights. The issue of EU accession to the ECHR.		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	The grading method is in accordance with the percentage scale specified in the Study Regulations.	51.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	L. Garlicki (ed.), Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, Volume I, Warsaw 2010 M.A. Nowicki, Around the European Convention. Commentary to the European Convention on Human Rights, ed. V, Warsaw 2010	
	Supplementary literature	L. Garlicki, Local values and supranational case law - "cultural margin of assessment", European Court Review, no. 4/2008;C. Mik, Theory of positive obligations of states-parties to treaties in the field of human rights (based on the example of the European Convention on Human Rights), (in:) C. Mik et al. (eds.), Jubilee Book of Professor Tadeusz Jasudowicz, Toruń 2004, pp. 257-276l.C. Kamiński, Extraterritorial application of the European Convention on Human Rights, [in:] J. Menkes (ed.), International law. Memorial book of professor Renata Szafarz, Warsaw 2007, pp. 208 et seq.M. Kowalski, First advisory opinion of the European Court of Human Rights, European Court Review 7/2008, pp. 49 et seq.;M. Kowalski, Efficiency or omnipotence - remarks on the interpretation and application of the European Convention on Human Rights on the example of the guarantees of Article 8 [in:] J. Menkes (ed.), International law. A commemorative book of prof. Renata Szafarz, Warsaw 2007, pp. 294 et seq.Michał Matyasik, The influence of selected case law of the European Court of Human Rights on the Polish legal order, (in:) I. Głuszyńska, K. Lankosz (eds.), The Council of Europe - 60 years for European unity, Bielsko-Biała 2008, pp. 129-135Agnieszka Szklanna, Control of the execution of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights by the Committee of Ministers - evolution, procedure and current status, (in:) H. Machińska (ed.), 60 years of the Council of Europe. Creation and application of legal standards, Warsaw 2009, pp. 247-266B. Latos, Derogation and limitation clause in the European Convention on Human Rights for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, Warsaw 2008;A. Wiśniewski, The concept of the margin of appreciation in the case law of the European Court of Human Rights, University of Gdańsk Foundation Publishing House, Gdańsk 2008A. Wiśniewski, Problems of interpretation of the European Convention on Human Rights, Gdańskie Studia Prawnicze XXVI, Gdańsk 2011	
	eResources addresses		
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Describe the method of filing complaints with the European Court of Human Rights		
	Describe the significance of the European Convention on Human Rights for the national legal order		
Work placement	Not applicable		

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