

Subject card

Subject name and code	Introduction to Criminology and Criminal Justice System - lecture, PG_00134457						
Field of study	Podstawy kryminologii i systemu wymiaru sprawiedliwości - wykład						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject		2025/2026		
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	1		Language of instruction		English English		
Semester of study	1		ECTS credits		6.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		exam		
Conducting unit	Faculty of Law and Administration -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Tomasz Snarski				
	Teachers		dr Tomasz Snarski				
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		120.0	150
Subject objectives	This lecture introduces students to the disciplines of criminology and criminal justice. It begins with an examination of the nature of crime and how it is defined and measured in contemporary society. The course then provides an overview of the impact of criminological theories on our understanding of crime problems and the implications for criminal justice responses.Students learn about the basic issues and problems in both criminology and criminal justice.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[CCJL3_WG04] Has a well-structured and enhanced knowledge of the norms and principles prevailing in structures and institutions related to criminology, including advanced knowledge of the role of state bodies in counteracting sociopathological phenomena, especially crimes, the internal structure of these bodies and their competencies	[15017] [CCJL3_WG04] has structured and expanded knowledge of the norms and principles prevailing in structures and institutions related to criminology, including advanced knowledge of the role of state authorities in counteracting social pathologies, especially crime, the internal structure of these authorities and their competences	[SW1] wypowiedź ustna/rozmowa/ dyskusja [SW2] prezentacja/projekt/referat/ raport [SW3] opracowanie tekstowe/ praca pisemna
	[CCJL3_WG02] Has an enhanced knowledge of facts and concepts and the relationship between selected natural phenomena, social phenomena and in the sphere of the products of human thought, especially in the perspective of legal conditions related to the problems of criminal acts, as well as the etiology and phenomenology of crime, and on key social and psychological phenomena relevant in the context of the studied direction.	[15015] [CCJL3_WG02] has extensive knowledge of facts and concepts as well as the relationships between selected natural phenomena, social phenomena and phenomena in the sphere of human thought, in particular from the perspective of legal conditions related to the issue of prohibited acts, as well as the aetiology and phenomenology of crime, and on key social and psychological phenomena relevant to the field of study.	[SW1] wypowiedź ustna/rozmowa/ dyskusja [SW2] prezentacja/projekt/referat/ raport [SW3] opracowanie tekstowe/ praca pisemna
	[CCJL3_K02] is prepared to actively participate in groups, social or legal projects, organisations and institutions related to criminology in its broadest sense and to the administration of justice, while being able to communicate with both specialists and non-specialists in criminology	[15004] [CCJL3_K02] is prepared to actively participate in groups, social or legal projects, organisations and institutions related to criminology and the justice system in the broad sense, and is able to communicate with people who are and are not specialists in criminology	[SK1] wypowiedź ustna/rozmowa/ dyskusja [SK2] prezentacja/projekt/referat/ raport [SK3] opracowanie tekstowe/ praca pisemna [SK8] obserwacja samodzielnej lub zespołowej pracy studenta
	[CCJL3_UW01] is able to use his knowledge of criminology and related scientific disciplines to formulate and interpret basic problems associated with criminology, as well as with the functioning of the national and international justice system, observes and interprets phenomena universal for different societies in the field of etiology and phenomenology of crime	[15011] [CCJL3_UW01] is able to use their knowledge of criminology and related scientific disciplines to formulate and interpret fundamental issues related to criminology, as well as the functioning of national and international justice systems, observes and interprets phenomena universal to different societies in the field of the aetiology and phenomenology of crime	[SU1] wypowiedź ustna/rozmowa/ dyskusja [SU2] prezentacja/projekt/referat/ raport [SU8] obserwacja samodzielnej lub zespołowej pracy studenta

Subject contents	An introduction to the fundamentals of: Crime, Criminology and Criminal Justice		
	Key Issues in Criminology and Criminal Justice		
	Paradigms in Criminology and Criminal Justice		
	Penal Law, Criminology and Criminal Justice in Context		
	Idea of Criminal Justice: Between Retributivism and Reparatory Justice		
	Understanding Crime Data: Sources and Methods		
	Crime Statistics and Distribution of Crime		
	Definition and Concept of Crime		
	Contemporary Theories in Criminology		
	Criminal Justice System and its Processes		
	Human Rights and Criminal Justice System		
	Basic issues in criminal law philosophy and criminology		
Prerequisites and co-requisites	None		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	Activity	51.0%	24.5%
	Substantive mastery of the material	51.0%	51.0%
	Form, language, diligence	51.0%	24.5%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	1. Criminology. Explaining Crime and Context, Stephen E. Brown, Finn-Aage Esbensen, Gilbert Geis, Routledge, New York-London 2019, pp. 566. 2. Universality of Punishment, eds. A. Incampo, Wojciech Żelaniec, Cacucci Editore, Bari 2015, pp. 342. 3. An Introduction to Criminology and Criminal Justice, Chris Crowter, Palgrave Macmillan, New York 2007.	
	Supplementary literature	P. Joyce, W. Laverick, Criminology and Criminal Justice. A Study Guide, 2nd Edition, Routledge, 2018, pp. 352.	
	eResources addresses		

Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Problem essay on criminology and criminal justice issues, f. ex.: Conservative and Progressive Crime Ideology. Pro und contra The Capital Punishment in the Context of Human Rights Paradigm in Contemporary Criminology and Criminal Justice
Work placement	Not applicable

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