

Subject card

Subject name and code	Cryminological Research Methods - lecture, PG_00134436						
Field of study	Criminology and Criminal Justice						
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		
Semester of study	2		ECTS credits		2.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		exam		
Conducting unit	Faculty of Law and Administration -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Thomas Hodgson				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10
	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	10		0.0		40.0	50
Subject objectives	Starting from no assumptions of prior knowledge, this course will introduce some tools and techniques for research in social science.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[CCJL3_WG03] is familiar with research methods and tools, including techniques for obtaining data and information, appropriate to the studied area of knowledge	Students will write a report, reflecting critically on the methods for social science research presented in the lectures.	[SW3] text preparation/written work
	[CCJL3_UU02] is able to independently acquire knowledge, learn and develop his professional skills, using a variety of sources (in the native and foreign language) and modern technologies, as well as appropriately select and apply appropriate methods and tools of criminologist's work	Students will write a report, reflecting critically on the methods for social science research presented in the lectures.	[SU3] text preparation/written work
	[CCJL3_UW04] is able to use theoretical knowledge to solve typical problems related to criminology and the functioning of the national and international justice system, as well as to analyze legal and ethical dilemmas in professional work in this area, and to organize their own research work, plan and conduct simple empirical studies	Students will write a report, reflecting critically on the methods for social science research presented in the lectures.	[SU3] text preparation/written work
	[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	Students will write a report, reflecting critically on the methods for social science research presented in the lectures.	[SK3] text preparation/written work
Subject contents	We will use the programming language R, the Integrated Development Environment (IDE) RStudio, the version control system Git, the markup language Markdown, and the publishing system Quarto. • https://www.r-project.org/ • https://posit.co/products/open-source/rstudio/ • https://git-scm.com/ • https://daringfireball.net/projects/markdown/ • https://quarto.org/		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	report	50.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	The main ideas of this approach to social science research are described in Kieran Healy's <i>The plain person's guide to plain text social science</i> : https://plaintext.co/ .	
	Supplementary literature	To learn R and Git, we will use resources from The Carpentries: • https://swcarpentry.github.io/r-novice-gapminder • https://swcarpentry.github.io/r-novice-inflammation • https://swcarpentry.github.io/git-novice • https://swcarpentry.github.io/shell-novice	
	eResources addresses		
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	What are the costs and benefits of the research methods discussed in class?		
Work placement	Not applicable		

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