

Subject card

Subject name and code	European Criminal Law - lecture, PG_00138423						
Field of study	Law						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject		2029/2030		
Education level	uniform Master's studies		Subject group		Optional subject group		
Mode of study	part-time studies		Mode of delivery		at the university		
Year of study	5		Language of instruction		English		
Semester of study	9		ECTS credits		3.0		
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 hab. Sławomir Steinborn				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	15.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15
	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	15		0.0		60.0	75
Subject objectives	To provide a basic knowledge of cooperation in criminal matters in the European Union.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[PRAWOJ5_WK10] has an in-depth knowledge of the principles of ethical and appropriate communication in legal and legal language	The student has an in-depth knowledge of the principles of ethical and appropriate communication in legal language, with particular emphasis on terminology specific to European criminal law, including knowledge and understanding of autonomous concepts of EU law.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SW5] implementation of a problem task
	[PRAWOJ5_UW05] is able to perceive and analyse moral dilemmas, generate solutions and justify the positions adopted	The student is able to identify and analyse moral dilemmas arising in European criminal law, generate solutions to them and justify the position taken.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SU4] test/exam - oral or written [SU5] implementation of a problem task
	[PRAWOJ5_WG05] identifies in depth the various forms of social life, including the rights and duties of individuals in different contexts, with particular reference to the phenomena of violation of the law and their consequences	The student has in-depth knowledge of the institutions and legal structures characteristic of European criminal law.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SW5] implementation of a problem task
	[PRAWOJ5_WK09] has an in-depth knowledge of legal institutions and constructions specific to various fields of law, including selected specific areas of law discussed in the course of study	The student has in-depth knowledge of the institutions and legal structures characteristic of European criminal law.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SW5] implementation of a problem task
	[PRAWOJ5_KO03] is ready to actively participate in entities carrying out professional activities related to law	The student is ready to actively participate in entities carrying out professional activities related to European criminal law.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SK4] test/exam - oral or written [SK5] implementation of a problem task
Subject contents	1. The concept and subject matter of European criminal law. 2. Evolution of EU Member States' cooperation in the field of criminal law. 3. Sources of EU law. Interpretation of European criminal law. The importance of the Court of Justice of the EU. 4. Protection of fundamental rights in the EU. The Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU. Importance of the European Convention on Human Rights. The European principle of ne bis in idem. 5. EU institutions and their role in relation to cooperation in criminal matters. Bodies promoting cooperation in criminal matters. The Office of the European Public Prosecutor. 6. 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) 7. Harmonisation of procedural criminal law (Rights of victims of crime. Conflicts of jurisdiction. Procedural guarantees in criminal proceedings) 8. Principles of judicial cooperation in criminal matters within the EU. 9. Judicial cooperation in criminal matters (Legal aid in criminal matters - European Investigation Order. European arrest warrant. Mutual recognition of decisions. Mutual recognition of evidence) 10. Police cooperation in criminal matters. 11. Perspectives for the development of European criminal law.		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	Examination	51.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	1. A. Grzelak, M. Królikowski, A. Sakowicz (eds.), Europejskie prawo karne, C.H. BECK, Warszawa 2012 2. V. Mitsilegas, EU Criminal Law, Hart, Oxford 2022 3. Öberg J., The Normative Foundations for EU Criminal Justice: Powers, Limits and Justifications, Bloomsbury, Oxford 2024	

	Supplementary literature	1. A. Klip, European Criminal Law. An Integrative Approach, 4th ed., Intersentia, Cambridge 2021 2. K. Ambos, European Criminal Law, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge 2018 3. H. Satzger, International and European Criminal Law, 2nd ed., CH.BECK-Hart-Nomos, Munich 2018 4. U. Sieber, H. Satzger, B. von Heintschel-Heinegg (eds.), Europäisches Strafrecht, Baden-Baden 2014 5. Roberto E. Kostoris, Handbook of European Criminal Procedure, Springer, Cham 2018 6. A. Grzelak, T. Ostropolski, Współpraca wymiarów sprawiedliwości w sprawach karnych i współpraca policyjna, Warszawa 2011 7. R. Potorski (ed.), Współpraca policyjna i sądowa w sprawach karnych w Unii Europejskiej: geneza, struktury, działania, Toruń 2011 8. M. Szwarc-Kuczer, Kompetencje Unii Europejskiej w dziedzinie harmonizacji prawa karnego materialnego, Warszawa 2011 9. Europejski nakaz aresztowania w teorii i praktyce państw członkowskich Unii Europejskiej, ed. P. Hofmański, Warszawa 2008 10. M. Kusak, Postępowanie karne w sprawach międzynarodowych. Podręcznik praktyczny, Warszawa 2017 11. M. Kusak, Dowody zagraniczne. Gromadzenie i dopuszczalność w polskim procesie karnym. Przewodnik z wzorami, Warszawa 2018 12. Z. Barwina, Zasada wzajemnego uznawania w sprawach karnych, Warszawa 2012 13. A. Sakowicz, Zasada ne bis in idem w prawie karnym w ujęciu paneuropejskim, Białystok 2011
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	1. What is European criminal law? What is its nature and what micro-systems does it consist of? 2. What is the phenomenon of the Europeanisation of criminal law? 3. How does CoE affect national criminal law, including procedural law? 4. How does the EU influence national criminal law, including procedural law?	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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