

Subject card

Subject name and code	Defense Law of Poland, PG_00147481						
Field of study	National Security						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject		2026/2027		
Education level	Master's studies		Subject group		Obligatory subject group in the field of study Subject group related to practical vocational preparation		
Mode of study	full-time studies		Mode of delivery		at the university		
Year of study	2		Language of instruction		Polish		
Semester of study	3		ECTS credits		5.0		
Learning profile	practical		Assessment form		exam		
Conducting unit							
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr hab. Radosław Giętkowski				
	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		95.0	125
Subject objectives	1. To familiarize students with the essence, scope and role of defence law within the national security system. 2. To provide students with knowledge of the constitutional and statutory foundations of the defence system of the Republic of Poland. 3. To develop an understanding of the functioning of the state defence system and the roles of public authorities responsible for national defence. 4. To develop students ability to interpret and apply legal regulations related to defence and national security. 5. To prepare students to analyse threats to state security and the legal actions undertaken by public authorities in states of emergency. 6. To raise awareness of citizens rights and obligations concerning the defence of the state. 7. To present the importance of defence law in the context of international security and Polands allied commitments. 8. To shape responsible civic attitudes and respect for the rule of law under conditions of threats to national security.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[BNMU2_W12] Has advanced knowledge of Poland's place and role in international security systems.	`	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
	[BNMU2_W09] Has advanced and structured knowledge of the essence, dynamics, and specificity of security threats in various spheres of social life.	`	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
	[BNMU2_U11] Skillfully argues using the acquired knowledge in an in-depth way. Analyses phenomena, trends and threats to the social, political, legal, economic and ethical order and uses tools and methods specific to security sciences in interdisciplinary projects.	`	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[BNMU2_W03] Has advanced knowledge of the interdisciplinary nature of social, cultural, historical, ethical, legal and economic determinants of security and knows the use of multidimensional approaches to knowledge in the field of security.	`	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
	[BNMU2_K05] Is prepared to professionally perform professional tasks in the field of security, observe and develop the principles of professional ethics, and conduct activities aimed at integrating the security environment, taking into account changing social needs.	`	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[BNMU2_U04] Uses advanced knowledge of normative systems regarding public safety to respond to emerging challenges adequately.	`	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[BNMU2_W04] Knows in an extended way the principles of functioning of individuals and social groups in public life and understands the role of social institutions and organizations in this respect. Knows the conditions and forms of citizens' participation in social life at its various levels.	`	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
	[BNMU2_K02] Is prepared to be active in the labour market in the area of security, is aware of the need to independently and critically improve qualifications, collect and analyse information.	`	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[BNMU2_U03] Analyses in-depth the causes and course of processes and their evolution related to security, predicts challenges, trends and threats to the social, political, legal, economic and ethical environment using tools and methods specific to security sciences.	`	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[BNMU2_W02] Has in-depth knowledge of legal regulations related to internal security. Has structured and in-depth knowledge about the state, power, politics, public administration, with particular emphasis on secret and border services.	`	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion

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	[BNMU2_U08] Uses specialised language in communicating with the environment in the scientific community and beyond, and by undertaking discussions at an advanced level in the area of security presents and evaluates opinions on system solutions in the field of security. Notices social expectations regarding the compliance of the state's actions in relation to the identified threats related to its functioning, and is able to prioritise them.	.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SU4] test/exam - oral or written [SU8] observation of student's independent or team work
	[BNMU2_U14] Has in-depth skills in searching and selecting sources and has extensive knowledge of technological possibilities for searching information, which uses for further development.	`	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SU4] test/exam - oral or written

Subject contents

1. Introduction to Defence Law

- Concept, scope and functions of defence law
- Defence law within the national legal system
- Defence law and national security

2. Constitutional foundations of the defence system of the Republic of Poland

- Constitutional principles of state defence
- Competences of public authorities in the field of defence
- States of emergency: martial law, state of emergency, state of natural disaster

3. The defence system of the Republic of Poland

- Concept and structure of the state defence system
- Defence management subsystem
- Military and non-military components of state defence

4. The Armed Forces of the Republic of Poland in the legal system

- Tasks, structure and legal status of the Armed Forces
- Civilian and political control over the Armed Forces
- Participation of the Armed Forces in ensuring internal security

5. The duty to defend the state

- Universal duty of national defence
- Forms of military service
- Rights and obligations of citizens in the field of defence

6. Defence planning and defence preparations

- Objectives and principles of defence planning
- Role of public administration in defence preparations
- Responsibilities of local government authorities in the defence system

7. Defence law and international security

	• International legal obligations of Poland in the field of defence • Collective security systems and military alliances • Participation of Poland in international missions and operations								
	8. Civil protection and civil defence								
	• Legal foundations of civil protection • Tasks and organisation of civil defence • Protection of the population in crisis and emergency situations								
	9. Legal responsibility in situations of threat and armed conflict								
	• Criminal, administrative and disciplinary responsibility • Restrictions on human rights and freedoms • Legal principles governing state authorities during emergencies								
	10. Contemporary challenges of defence law								
	• New and emerging security threats • Defence law in the context of hybrid threats and cybersecurity • Directions of development of defence law								
Prerequisites and co-requisites									
Assessment methods and criteria	<table><tr><th>Subject passing criteria</th><th>Passing threshold</th><th>Percentage of the final grade</th></tr><tr><td>.</td><td>60.0%</td><td>100.0%</td></tr></table>	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade	.	60.0%	100.0%		
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Recommended reading	Basic literature	.							
	Supplementary literature	.							
	eResources addresses								
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	..								
Work placement	Not applicable								

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