University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	New Threats to State Security, PG_00179308		
Field of study	National Security		
Date of commencement of studies	October 2024	Academic year of realisation of subject	2024/2025
Education level	Master's studies	Subject group	Optional subject group Humanistic-social subject group
Mode of study	full-time studies	Mode of delivery	at the university
Year of study	1	Language of instruction	Polish
Semester of study	1	ECTS credits	4.0
Learning profile	practical	Assessment form	credit
Conducting unit			
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor	dr Aleksander Kazak	
	Teachers	dr Aleksander Kazak	

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	70.0	100

Subject objectives	The aim of the classes is to familiarize students with the threats posed to the security of the state and society by organized crime and terrorism. During the classes, students will become acquainted with the specifics of how both phenomena operate and their causes in order to gain knowledge on combating them. The classes are primarily focused on capturing the dynamics of changes within both phenomena and contemporary trends.

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[BNMU2_W09] Has an in-depth and structured knowledge of the essence, dynamics, and specificity of security threats in various spheres of social life.	The student is able to independently collect, analyze, and interpret information regarding security threats.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[BNMU2_K03] Has the ability to prioritise goals, methods of operation, and define security priorities. Is prepared to initiate safety activities and make independent decisions and be responsible for the results of own actions and those of the team manages.	The student can prioritize goals, methods of action, and determine priorities in the field of security.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion
	[BNMU2_W07] Has in-depth knowledge of the processes and factors shaping them in public security institutions and structures.	The student can apply interdisciplinary research methods to analyze and solve security-related problems. The student can effectively communicate and present the results of their analyses and proposed solutions in the field of security.	[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.	The student is aware of the necessity for independent and critical enhancement of qualifications and continuous professional development. The student demonstrates an ethical stance and social responsibility in the context of making security-related decisions. The student is prepared for effective functioning in the security job market and for cooperation within an interdisciplinary team. The student is aware of the social responsibility for the actions taken and their impact on public and state security.	[SK1] 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.	The student knows and understands the essence, dynamics, and specifics of security threats in various spheres of social life. The student has in-depth knowledge of phenomena, trends, and threats to social, political, legal, economic, and ethical order. The student knows the tools and methods appropriate to the security sciences and can apply them in interdisciplinary projects. The student understands the processes and factors shaping public security and the functioning of security institutions.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
Subject contents	1. Concept and essence of Transnational Organized Crime (TOC) - Introduction to criminology - Organized crime - Criminal organizations - Asymmetric threats2. History of organized crime - Concepts of the etiology of crime - Evolution of TOC - impact of globalization3. Methods of operation of criminal groups - Planning, preparation, simulation, and execution of criminal activities - Masking and erasing traces of criminal activity - Means of transportation, communication, erasing traces, execution of criminal activities - Consequences of TOC activities4. Characteristics of elements of the TOC settlement process - Symptoms and traces of TOC activities - Prosecution of TOC - Stages of TOC settlement - Sources of information in the TOC settlement process5-6. Areas of criminal activity a) Drugs b) Human trafficking c) Corruption d) Economic crime e) Cybercrime f) Counterfeiting money7-8. Combating organized crime - Public and state institutions and bodies - Crime-fighting strategies - Crown witness and incognito witness9. Exam No. 110. Terrorism and related concepts - Relativism in defining terrorism - Historical overview - Political, criminological, and forensic descriptions of the phenomenon - The so-called new paradigm of terrorism in the 21st century11. Organized crime vs. terrorism - Differences and similarities - Examples of connections and cost-benefit analysis12. Methods and tools of terrorist organizations - Evolution of tools - Cyberterrorism and Weapons of Mass Destruction - Methods: lone wolf, force multiplication, "far and near enemy"13. Combating terrorism - Eliminating causes of terrorism - Effective border controls and international transport security - Combatting terrorism financing - Supporting failed states - Selective elimination - Balancing counterterrorism with human rights		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			

Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
		50.0%	25.0%
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Recommended reading	Basic literature	W. Mądrzejowski, Przestępczość Zorganizowana. System Zwalczania, Warszawa 2008. O. Krajniak, Zorganizowane Grupy Przestępcze, Warszawa 2011. E. Pływaczewski, Przestępczość zorganizowana, Warszawa 2011. J.W. Wójcik, Przeciwdziałanie przestępczości zorganizowanej. Zagadnienia prawne, kryminologiczne i kryminalistyczne, Warszawa 2011. K. Laskowska, Oblicza współczesnej przestępczości zorganizowanej, Białystok 2014. B. Hołyst, Terroryzm, t. I, II, Warszawa 2010. B. Bolechów, Terroryzm. Aktorzy, widownie, statyści, Warszawa 2010. K. Karolczak, Terroryzm. Nowy paradygmat wojny w XXI wieku, Warszawa 2010.	
	Supplementary literature	Gołębiewski, Praca operacyjna w zwalczaniu przestępczości zorganizowanej, Warszawa 200	
	eResources addresses		
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	To eliminate the causes of terrorism is to address the root causes of terrorism. Describe the methods and tools of terrorist organizations.		
Work placement	Not applicable		

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