University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Law of evidence - auditorium classes, PG_00169527		
Field of study	Criminology		
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026	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 scientific research in the field of study
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	2.0
Learning profile	academic	Assessment form	credit
Conducting unit	Division of Criminalistics and Evidence Law -> Department of Criminal Procedure and Criminalistics -> Faculty of Law and Administration -> Rector		
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor	dr hab. Łukasz Cora	
	Teachers	dr Wioletta Niemiec dr hab. Łukasz Cora	

Lesson types

Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
Number of study hours	0.0	30.0	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	20.0	50

Subject objectives

The purpose of the exercise in the law of evidence is to present the legal norms governing the evidentiary activities that make up the so-called evidentiary proceedings. To present the basic problems related to the introduction and conduct of evidence in pre-trial and court proceedings. To familiarize with the issue of the legality of obtaining evidence and the consequences of introducing evidence obtained illegally into the trial. The object of the exercises is also to discuss evidentiary actions and to identify knotty guarantee problems.
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Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[KRYMMU2_U04] Is able to apply legal norms and professional principles in criminological practice, as well as communicate on specialist topics with different audiences and justify presented positions.	Student is able to apply the rules of evidence and professional standards in the analysis and evaluation of evidence, as well as to communicate with various participants in the proceedings regarding evidentiary issues and to justify their position based on applicable laws and the principles of sound reasoning.	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/ report
[KRYMMU2_W03] Has an in-depth knowledge of legal regulations within various branches of law related to the field of study.	The student is familiar with the regulation of Section V of the Code of Criminal Procedure on evidence.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[KRYMMU2_U02] Is able to independently acquire knowledge and develop professional competences using various sources (in native and foreign languages) and modern technologies.	Student is able to expand and acquire knowledge on their own from available Polish and English-language sources.	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/ report
[KRYMMU2_U01] Is able to apply theoretical knowledge of criminology and related disciplines to analyse, synthesise and interpret complex and non-routine problems, as well as to formulate solutions in changing and unpredictable conditions.	Student is able to use theoretical knowledge to solve simple legal problems that arise in connection with the taking of evidence in a criminal trial.	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/ report
[KRYMMU2_K03] Is convinced of the necessity of ethical and professional conduct, acts in accordance with ethical principles, identifies and formulates moral problems and ethical dilemmas related to their own and others' work, and seeks optimal solutions.	The student is aware of the need to act ethically and professionally when collecting, evaluating, and using evidence; adheres to the principles of professional ethics; and recognizes and resolves ethical dilemmas related to the collection, preservation, and evaluation of evidence in criminal proceedings.	[SK2] presentation/project/paper/ report
[KRYMMU2_U05] Is able to independently propose solutions to problems, carry out decision-making processes in this area, organise and coordinate team work, and act in an entrepreneurial manner.	The student is able to decide on simple cases and resolve basic legal and evidentiary issues in criminal cases.	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SU4] test/exam - oral or written

Subject contents

I. General scope1 The law and procedure of evidence : the systematics of Section V of the Code of Criminal Procedure.2. introduction of evidence into the criminal trial3. prohibitions on evidence.II. Evidentiary acts :1. Interrogation :Explanation of the accused [A. Confession of guilt. B. Slander] , Testimony of witnesses [A. Concept and types of witnesses: incognito and crown witness. B. Rights and duties of a witness. C. Interrogation of a witness - procedural and forensic aspects/ interrogation tactics and confrontation and presentation] , Interrogation of a minor victim and witness and victim of crimes against sexual freedom.2. visual inspection3.Search and seizure of property 4.Expert and his opinion. [A. Definition of an expert. B. Activities of an expert. C Psychiatric opinion].5.Documentary evidence. Electronic evidence.6.Central interview and personal cognitive examination. 7. Control and recording of interviews.8. obtaining and using foreign evidence in the criminal process.Translated with DeepL.com (free version)

Prerequisites and co-requisites

Assessment methods and criteria

Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	51.0%	30.0%
	51.0%	70.0%

Recommended reading	Basic literature	S. Waltoś, P. Hofmański, Proces karny. Outline of the system, Warsaw, current editionR. Kmiecik (ed.) Prawo dowodowe. Outline of interpretation, Warsaw current edition K. Wozniewski, Criminal procedural law. Outline of institutions, Gdańsk current edition
	Supplementary literature	M. Cieślak, Zagadnienia dowodowe w procesie karnym, Warszawa aktualne wydanie A. Keane, Modern Law of Evidence, Oxford University Press aktualne wydanie
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Omów przesłuchanie małoletniego pokrzywdzonego poniżej 15 roku życia	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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