

Subject card

Subject name and code	Methodology of criminal research - auditorium classes, PG_00169530						
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	Faculty of Law and Administration -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Wojciech Zieliński				
	Teachers						
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	Enhancing knowledge of methods for studying social reality and empirical verification of theoretical claims. Familiarizing with the specifics of the research process in social sciences, including the planning, execution, and reporting of research results. Developing practical skills in applying the methodology of social research, including the design, execution, and interpretation of criminal research findings. Familiarizing students with legal acts related to criminal research and the possibilities of obtaining, processing, and interpreting information in these studies.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[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 propose a solution to a specific research problem and carry out the basic stages of its verification procedure.	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[KRYMMU2_W05] Has an in-depth knowledge of research methods and tools, including techniques of data collection, analysis and interpretation, specific to criminology and forensic science.	The student has knowledge of methods and tools for data collection relevant to criminological and forensic research.	[SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SW2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[KRYMMU2_U02] Is able to independently acquire knowledge and develop professional competences using various sources (in native and foreign languages) and modern technologies.	The student is able to independently search for and use sources (in native and foreign languages) and digital technologies to expand methodological knowledge.	[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.	The student is able to apply theoretical knowledge to analyze and interpret a selected research problem in criminology.	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[KRYMMU2_U03] Is able to observe, diagnose and critically evaluate complex psychological situations, as well as analyse motives and patterns of human behaviour.	The student is able to observe, diagnose, and critically analyze the behavior of individuals and groups in the context of criminal phenomena and criminological issues.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
	[KRYMMU2_K02] Responsibly prepares for work, is able to set priorities and plan activities, and takes responsibility for the performance of assigned tasks and team activities.	The student responsibly prepares for research tasks, sets priorities, and plans work in accordance with methodological principles.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
Subject contents	Conducting research in social sciences. Research methods and techniques. Construction of research tools and reports from conducted studies. Interpretation of research results in social sciences, including criminology. Methods of obtaining information (e.g., concerning the activities of services such as courts, prosecution, prison service, probation service) that can be used in research. Ways of utilizing legal regulations that provide access to the sought information. Principles of interpreting obtained information.		
Prerequisites and co-requisites	no requirements		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	Conscious and active participation in classes, discussion of the selected reading.	51.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature Babbie E.R., The Practice of Social Research Criminology: Theory and Practice, ed. by P. Chomczyński, P. Frąckowiak, D. Woźniakowska Frankfort-Nachmias Ch., Nachmias D., Research Methods in the Social Sciences Holyst B., Criminology Nowak S., Methodology of Social Research Ossowski S., On the Peculiarities of Social Sciences		

	Supplementary literature	Brzeziński J., Methodology of Psychological Research Elias N., Involvement and Detachment Francuz P., Mackiewicz R., Numbers Dont Know Where They Come From: A Guide to Methodology and Statistics Not Only for Psychologists Maxfield M.G., Babbie E., Research Methods for Criminal Justice and Criminology Mills Ch.W., The Sociological Imagination Shaughnessy J.J., Zechmeister E.B., Zechmeister J.S., Research Methods in Psychology Widacki J., Dadak W., Grzyb M., Szuba-Boroń A., Criminology: An Outline of the System
	eResources addresses	Basic https://www.researchgate.net/ - ResearchGate https://www.academia.edu/ - Academia.edu Supplementary https://czasopisma.inp.pan.pl/index.php/ak/index - Archives of Criminology https://www.cengage.uk/ - Cengage
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	What are the main stages of the research process and what is the significance of each stage in the context of criminal research? How can quantitative and qualitative methods be used in criminal research? What are the main criminological theories and how can they be applied in practical research? What are the key ethical principles in research and how can they be applied in criminal research? How can sociological imagination help in analyzing criminal phenomena? What unique methodological challenges in social science research may arise in criminal research?	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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