University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Forensic psychiatry and psychology - lecture, PG_00132738						
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	2		ECTS credits	2.0			
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form	exam			
Conducting unit	Department of Material Criminal Law and Criminology -> Faculty of Law and Administration -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr n. med. Agnieszka Welento-Nowacka				
	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	20.0	50	
Subject objectives	Providing knowledge in the field of forensic psychiatry in order to use it in professional work. Deepening the knowledge necessary to understand medical language. The acquired knowledge will expand the ability to communicate with people with mental disorders. It will allow you to understand the human psyche in the context of crime.						

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[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 identifies ethical problems and dilemmas related to decision-making in the field of criminology and is able to analyse them with regard to the principles of professional ethics.	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
[KRYMMU2_K04] Is prepared to develop and participate in the implementation of social projects, taking into account legal, economic, and political aspects, including projects co-financed by the European Union, as well as to initiate activities for the public interest and to think and act in an entrepreneurial manner.	Do not meet	[SK8] observation of student's independent or team work
[KRYMMU2_W06] Has in-depth knowledge and is familiar with the terminology used in psychology, sociology, and related disciplines applied in criminology, and understands the fundamental dilemmas of contemporary civilization associated with these fields. The graduate is also familiar with the basic principles of intellectual property and copyright protection, as well as the conditions for the creation and development of various forms of entrepreneurship.	Knows the basic concepts of general and specific psychopathology	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[KRYMMU2_W01] Has in-depth knowledge of the nature of legal sciences and penal sciences, their place within the system of sciences, their mutual relationships, and the main directions of their development, as well as their connections with other fields of science and the axiological and social determinants of activities related to counteracting crime.	Is able to analyze the relationship between psychopathology and crime	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[KRYMMU2_K05] Is able to responsibly perform professional roles while taking into account changing social needs, contribute to the development and maintenance of professional achievements and ethos, as well as observe and develop the principles of professional ethics and promote compliance with these principles.	Is able to combine knowledge of psychiatry and psychology with knowledge of legal sciences	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written

Subject contents

1. General psychopathology
2. Detailed psychopathology in the context of crime and forensic psychiatric opinions
3. Rights and obligations of an expert psychiatrist. Forensic psychiatric opinion, its structure and types
4. Sanity in the biological and psychological sense
5. Scope of the psychological assessment method in forensic psychiatric opinions
6. Assessment of the probability of committing acts using violence - methods and area of application
7. Criminological and social prognosis - principles of creation, legal basis, possibilities of application
8. Security measures: types, premises for application, therapeutic effects
9. Post-penal measures, Act of 22 November 2013, principles of operation and assessment of KOZZD
10. Criminal profiling in relation to psychiatric and psychological knowledge
11. Practical use of knowledge acquired during the analysis of selected cases.

Prerequisites and co-requisites

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<tr><td>Assessment methods and criteria</td><td colspan="2"><table><tr><th>Subject passing criteria</th><th>Passing threshold</th><th>Percentage of the final grade</th></tr><tr><td>Single-choice test, 60 min</td><td>51.0%</td><td>100.0%</td></tr></table></td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="3">Recommended reading</td><td>Basic literature</td><td>1. "Psychiatria sądowa" Piotr Gałecki, Krzysztof Eichstaedt

2. " Ekspertyza sądowa" Dariusz Zuba , Józef Wójcikiewicz, Dariusz Wilk, Maria Kala

4. "Środki zabezpieczające. Ujęcie systemowe" redakcja: Agnieszka Barczak-Oplustil, Małgorzata Pyrcak-Górowska, Andrzej Zoll

5. "Psychiatria" Piotr Gałecki, Agata Szulc

6. "Psychologia sądowa" Jan Stanik</td></tr>
<tr><td>Supplementary literature</td><td>1. "Zastosowanie oraz założenia teoretyczne narzędzi opartych na modelu ustrukturyzowanej oceny ryzyka wystąpienia zachowań związanych z przemocą w praktyce klinicznej" Agnieszka Welento-Nowacka

2. Eichstaedt, K., Gałecki, P., Depko, A., & Krasowska, A. (2017). Metodyka pracy biegłego psychiatry, psychologa oraz seksuologa w sprawach karnych, nieletnich oraz wykroczeń. Wolters Kluwer.</td></tr>
<tr><td>eResources addresses</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed</td><td colspan="2">Psychiatric Terminology
Legal Context of Mental Disorders
Criminological Forecasting
Criminological-Social Forecasting</td></tr>
<tr><td>Work placement</td><td colspan="2">Not applicable</td></tr>
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