University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	International and European criminal law - auditorium classes, PG_00132516		
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	part-time studies	Mode of delivery	at the university
Year of study	1	Language of instruction	Polish
Semester of study	2	ECTS credits	1.0
Learning profile	academic	Assessment form	credit
Conducting unit	Department of Public International Law -> Faculty of Law and Administration -> Rector		
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor	dr Paulina Zajadło-Węglarz	
	Teachers	mgr Remigiusz Chęciński	

Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	0.0	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10
	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	10	0.0	15.0	25

Subject objectives	The aim of the course is to develop students' terminological, substantive and procedural knowledge in the field of international and European criminal law.

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[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 independently identifies, analyses and applies international and European legal instruments, case law and academic literature in order to solve problems related to international and European criminal law.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written [SU5] implementation of a problem task
[KRYMMU2_W03] Has an in-depth knowledge of legal regulations within various branches of law related to the field of study.	The student possesses advanced knowledge of the institutions, principles and mechanisms of international and European criminal law, particularly those relating to criminal responsibility for the most serious crimes, international cooperation in criminal matters and the protection of individual rights.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion [SW2] 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 applies knowledge of criminology, criminal law, and international and European criminal law to analyse and interpret complex factual situations and to propose solutions to legal problems arising in cross-border cases.	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SU5] implementation of a problem task
[KRYMMU2_K05] Is able to independently and critically develop their knowledge and skills, taking into account their interdisciplinary nature.	The student critically evaluates solutions adopted in international and European criminal law and independently develops their knowledge, taking into account the interrelationships between criminology, criminal law, international law and Europe Union law.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion

Subject contents

1. **The concept of international criminal law and European criminal law.**
2. **Sources of international criminal law.**
3. **International criminal tribunals and courts: types, structure and activities.**
4. **International crimes: concept and principles of criminal responsibility.**
5. **Universal jurisdiction.**
6. **Proceedings before the International Criminal Court.**
7. **The evolution of cooperation among EU Member States in the field of criminal law.**
8. **European criminal law after the Treaty of Lisbon (judicial cooperation in criminal matters general characteristics and sources of law).**
9. **European Union institutions and their role in criminal-law cooperation. Institutions and mechanisms of international and European criminal law from a comparative legal perspective.**
10. **Protection of fundamental rights in the European Union.**
11. **European cooperation in the field of substantive criminal law (forms of cooperation; the EU's competence to harmonise substantive criminal law; areas of substantive criminal law subject to harmonisation).**
12. **Principles of cooperation in criminal matters within the European Union.**
13. **Judicial cooperation in criminal matters (mutual legal assistance in criminal matters; the European Arrest Warrant; the European Investigation Order; mutual recognition of judicial decisions; the European Protection Order).**
14. **Harmonisation of criminal procedure in the Member States of the European Union (rights of crime victims; conflicts of jurisdiction; procedural safeguards for suspects and accused persons).**
15. **Future developments and perspectives of international criminal law and European criminal law**

Prerequisites and co-requisites

Assessment methods and criteria

Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
exam	50.0%	60.0%
Problem-solving task	60.0%	40.0%

Recommended reading

Basic literature	1. K. Ambos, European Criminal Law (Cambridge UP) 2020 2. H. Satzger, International and European Criminal Law (C.H. BECK) 2018
Supplementary literature	1. V. Mitsilegas, EU Criminal Law (Hart) 2022 2. A. Klip, European Criminal law (Intersentia) 2021
eResources addresses	

Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed

Work placement	Not applicable

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