University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	The system of criminal law and criminal trial in a comparative legal perspective - lecture, PG_00132522		
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	2.0
Learning profile	academic	Assessment form	exam
Conducting unit	Faculty of Law and Administration -> Rector		
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor	dr hab. Łukasz Cora	
	Teachers	dr hab. Łukasz Cora dr Marcin Lech	

Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	15.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15
	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	15	0.0	35.0	50

Subject objectives	The purpose of the course is to introduce students to the essence of comparativism in criminal matters and model differences in criminal law and procedure.

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[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 apply theoretical knowledge in the fields of criminology, criminal law, and related disciplines to analyze and compare legal systems and criminal procedure, interpret complex and unusual issues related to criminal liability and criminal prosecution, and propose solutions to these issues in changing and unpredictable circumstances.	[SU3] text preparation/written work
	[KRYMMU2_W03] Has an in-depth knowledge of legal regulations within various branches of law related to the field of study.	The student has an in-depth knowledge of the criminal law and trial system, the USA, England and Wales, Germany and other selected Western European countries in the area of criminal prosecution, the law of evidence and trial in criminal law.	[SW3] text preparation/written work
	[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.	The student has an in-depth knowledge of copmaparastics in criminal matters, which enables him/her to diagnose the substructural problems between the substantive and procedural criminal law systems.	[SW3] text preparation/written work
	[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.	The student is able to independently expand his/her knowledge of criminal law and criminal procedure against the background of systemic differences of common law and statutory law countries.	[SK3] text preparation/written work

Subject contents	**I. The essence and tasks of comparativism in criminal law II. Selected issues of substantive criminal law** 2.Principles of criminal law. 3.Europeanization of substantive criminal law - some theoretical and practical aspects. 4.Perception of the principle of nullum crimen sine lege against the background of comparative analysis of the European system of human rights protection. 5..Directives of punishment in the Federal Republic of Germany, the Republic of Austria and the Swiss Confederation. 6..Safeguards in the criminal law of the Federal Republic of Germany, the Republic of Austria and the Swiss Confederation. **II. Comparative criminal procedural issues :** 1. Crime Control vs Due Process Model 2. Institution of the investigating judge 3. The jury 4. Criminal procedural agreements5. Comparative analysis of the main trial
Prerequisites and co-requisites	

Assessment methods and criteria

Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	51.0%	100.0%

Recommended reading	Basic literature	1. H. Kuczyńska, Analiza porównawcza modelu rozprawy głównej. Między kontradyktoryjnością a inkwizycyjnością, current edition 2. P. Kruszyński (red.), System Prawa Karnego Procesowego. Tom II. Proces karny - rozwiązania modelowe w ujęciu prawnoporównawczym, current edition 3. A.Grzelak, Królikowski M., A. Sakowicz, *Europejskie prawo karne*, current edition
	Supplementary literature	1. J.E. Ross, S. Thaman, Comparative Criminal Procedure, current edition J. M. Jehle, *Criminal Justice in Germany*, current edition
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Miranda Warning vs Salduz The jury in a criminal trial Principle of *nullum crimen sine lege*	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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