University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Basics of Forensic psychiatry - lecture, PG_00131403						
Field of study	Criminology						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026		Academic year of realisation of subject	2028/2029			
Education level	Bachelor'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	3		Language of instruction	Polish			
Semester of study	5		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
[KRYML3_W03] Has advanced knowledge and understanding of facts, theories, methods, and complex relationships concerning selected phenomena related to prohibited acts, in particular key social and psychological phenomena relevant to criminology, as well as their social, psychological, and cultural determinants.	The student knows and understands the basic theories, mechanisms, and social and psychological determinants of criminal behaviour.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[KRYML3_W04] Understands and comprehends the legal and institutional determinants governing the functioning of state authorities, their internal structure, competencies, and role in counteracting pathological phenomena, particularly crime. Also understands the fundamental dilemmas of contemporary civilization related to security, the protection of individual rights and freedoms, as well as social and technological development. Furthermore, possesses knowledge of the basic principles of intellectual property protection and copyright law, as well as the conditions for creating and developing various forms of entrepreneurship.	Is able to assess the significance of psychopathology in crime	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written

Subject contents

1. General psychopathology
2. Rights and obligations of an expert psychiatrist. Forensic psychiatric opinion, its structure and types
3. Sanity in the biological and psychological-legal sense
4. Detailed psychopathology in the context of crime and forensic psychiatric assessment: psychotic disorders, affective disorders, anxiety disorders
5. Intellectual disability - legal consequences, criminal context, legal issues
6. Addictions - psychopathology, therapeutic methods, protective measures, legal context
7. Personality disorders - criminal context, types of personality disorders, motivations of perpetrators of crimes with personality disorder features
8. Selected issues in sexology.
9. Selected issues in child and adolescent psychiatry
10. Assessment of the likelihood of committing violent acts - methods and area of application
11. Other disturbances of mental functions and the assessment of sanity
12. Problematic psychiatric diagnoses in the context of giving opinions - autism spectrum disorders, homicide in conditions of severe agitation and extended suicide.
13. Practical use of acquired knowledge when analyzing selected cases.

Prerequisites and co-requisites

Assessment methods and criteria

Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
Single-choice test, 60 min	51.0%	100.0%

Recommended reading

Basic literature

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

	Supplementary literature	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.
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Terminologia psychiatryczna Psychopatologia ogólna i szczegółowa Kontekst prawny zaburzeń psychicznych	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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