University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Legal and forensic aspects of detective services - lecture, PG_00199416						
Field of study	Criminology						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026		Academic year of realisation of subject	2027/2028			
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	2		Language of instruction	Polish			
Semester of study	4		ECTS credits	2.0			
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form	credit			
Conducting unit	Department of Criminal Procedure and Criminalistics -> Faculty of Law and Administration -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Piotr Rogoziński				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20
	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	20		0.0		30.0	50
Subject objectives	The aim of the course is for criminology students to acquire basic knowledge regarding the profession of detective in Poland, familiarize themselves with the legal system for detective services in Poland, and understand the legal basis for providing these services. Students should acquire basic knowledge of the legal and forensic aspects of detective services and independently assess the consistency, scope, and appropriateness of the legal solutions adopted by the legislature. The course also aims to provide knowledge necessary to obtain a detective license.						

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[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.	The student is ready to undertake the preparation and participation in the preparation of social projects, taking into account legal, economic and political aspects, including the preparation and implementation of projects co-financed by the European Union.	[SK3] 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 in-depth knowledge of the nature of legal sciences and related penal sciences, their place in the system of sciences and mutual relations.	[SW3] text preparation/written work
[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 in-depth knowledge of methods and tools, including techniques for obtaining data and information, appropriate for criminology and forensics.	[SW3] 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 extended knowledge of the subject matter of regulations of individual branches of law related to the field of study	[SW3] text preparation/written work

Subject contents

1. Basic concepts in the field of detective services. 2. Legal foundations of detective services.
Mutual relations between individuals performing detective services and the authorities conducting criminal and civil proceedings. 3. Basic detective techniques used in Poland. 4. Tactics of detective services. 5. The legal nature of the contractual relationship underlying the provision of detective services. 6. Legal issues in the provision of detective services.
7. Legal possibilities of using evidence collected during the provision of detective services in criminal and civil proceedings. 8. Professional morality and ethics of detectives.
9. Practical familiarization with the issues of detective services through case studies. 10. Obtaining a detective license. 11. Basic issues related to security in business.

Prerequisites and co-requisites

Assessment methods and criteria

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

Recommended reading

Basic literature	1. T. Aleksandrowicz, J. Konieczny, A. Konik, Basics of Detective Services, Law, Tactics, Morality. Academic and Professional Publishing House, Warsaw, current edition. 2. D. Dariusz Brakoniecki, Detective Studies: Legal and Functional Aspects of Detective Activities in Poland and Around the World, Diffin Publishing House, Warsaw, current edition. 3. G. Gozdór, Detective Services, C.H. Beck Publishing House, Warsaw, current edition.
Supplementary literature	1. T. Hanausek, Forensic Science, Lecture Outline, Wolters Kluwer, Warsaw, current edition. 2. J. Konieczny, T. Widła, J. Widacki, Forensic Science, C.H. Beck, Warsaw, current edition. 3. Ch. A. Sennewald, J. Tsukayama, The Process of Investigation: Concepts and Strategies for Investigators in the Private Sector, OUP, Oxford, current edition.
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed

1. Conditions for obtaining a detective license.
2. Offenses under the Detective Services Act.
3. Preparation and execution of a detective operation.
4. Recordkeeping by the detective.

Work placement

Not applicable

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