

**Subject card**

<b>Subject name and code</b>	Criminology II - Psychological theories of crime - lecture, PG_00201608						
<b>Field of study</b>	Criminology and Criminal Justice						
<b>Date of commencement of studies</b>	October 2026	<b>Academic year of realisation of subject</b>			2026/2027		
<b>Education level</b>	Bachelor's studies	<b>Subject group</b>			Obligatory subject group in the field of study Subject group related to scientific research in the field of study		
<b>Mode of study</b>	full-time studies	<b>Mode of delivery</b>			at the university		
<b>Year of study</b>	1	<b>Language of instruction</b>			English		
<b>Semester of study</b>	2	<b>ECTS credits</b>			5.0		
<b>Learning profile</b>	academic	<b>Assessment form</b>			exam		
<b>Conducting unit</b>	Department of Material Criminal Law and Criminology -> Faculty of Law and Administration -> Rector						
<b>Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)</b>	<b>Subject supervisor</b>		dr hab. Anna Babicka-Wirkus				
	<b>Teachers</b>						
<b>Lesson types</b>	<b>Lesson type</b>	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	<b>Number of study hours</b>	30.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30
	E-learning hours included: 0.0						
<b>Learning activity and number of study hours</b>	<b>Learning activity</b>	Participation in didactic classes included in study plan		Participation in consultation hours		Self-study	SUM
	<b>Number of study hours</b>	30		2.0		93.0	125
<b>Subject objectives</b>	The course aims to provide students with knowledge about the personality and temperamental mechanisms of criminal behavior and the social determinants of crime and victimization. An important element of the course is also familiarizing students with the issues of evidence gathering, securing evidence, and profiling perpetrators and victims.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[CCJL3_UW03] Has basic skills in observing, diagnosing, rationally evaluating universal psychological situations and analyzing motives and patterns of human behavior	Can identify tools for diagnosing the personality and temperament of the perpetrator and victim.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[CCJL3_UK05] Is able to articulate basic statements with the use of specialized terminology characteristic of criminology and related disciplines to a basic extent, present opinions, positions and discuss them in this regard	Is able to formulate a professional statement using specialized language in the field of criminal psychology.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[CCJL3_WG07] Has advanced knowledge of the problems of perpetrators and victims of crime, including the causes of socio-pathological behavior, factors affecting victimization, measures to prevent secondary victimization, as well as the duties and rights of these persons in the course of criminal proceedings	Is able to professionally characterize the psychological and social conditions of fulfilling the role of perpetrator and victim of crime.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[CCJL3_WG05] has a basic knowledge of man, in particular, as a subject constituting social structures and the principles of their functioning, as well as a subject acting in these structures	Knows the main theories of human personality and temperament.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[CCJL3_KR04] is ready to undertake professional challenges, undertakes effort and is characterized by perseverance in the implementation of individual as well as team activities in the field of criminology and related sciences	Is prepared to carry out professional tasks related to the role of a criminologist.	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
[CCJL3_WG02] Has an enhanced knowledge of facts and concepts and the relationship between selected natural phenomena, social phenomena and in the sphere of the products of human thought, especially in the perspective of legal conditions related to the problems of criminal acts, as well as the etiology and phenomenology of crime, and on key social and psychological phenomena relevant in the context of the studied direction.	Has extensive knowledge of the psychological and social characteristics of the perpetrator of the crime.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written	
Subject contents	The Role and Importance of Criminal Psychology - Introductory Remarks Personality Conditions of Perpetrators and Victims Intelligence and Temperament - Main Theories and Methods of Research Specificity and Types of Crime Scene Evidence Witnesses to Crimes - Their Role and Methods of Verifying Testimony Creating a Psychological and Social Portrait of the Victim Forensic Aspects of Mental Disorders and Illnesses Psychological Specificity of Selected Offenses		
Prerequisites and co-requisites	None		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	egxam	60.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	Howitt D. (2022) Introduction to Forensic and Criminal Psychology.  Holyst B. (2023). Psychologia kryminalistyczna. Warszawa: Difin	

	Supplementary literature	Rode D. i in. (2020). Kliniczna psychologia sądowa. Warszawa: PWN  Bull et al. (2006). Criminal Psychology: A Beginners's Guide, <a href="https://saidnazulfiqar.wordpress.com/wp-content/uploads/2008/04/psychology-criminal_psychology_arafat.pdf">https://saidnazulfiqar.wordpress.com/wp-content/uploads/2008/04/psychology-criminal_psychology_arafat.pdf</a>
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	-	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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