

**Subject card**

<b>Subject name and code</b>	Cryminological Research Methods - lecture, PG_00201610						
<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>			2.0		
<b>Learning profile</b>	academic	<b>Assessment form</b>			exam		
<b>Conducting unit</b>	Faculty of Law and Administration -> Rector						
<b>Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)</b>	<b>Subject supervisor</b>		dr Thomas Hodgson				
	<b>Teachers</b>						
<b>Lesson types</b>	<b>Lesson type</b>	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	<b>Number of study hours</b>	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10
	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>	10		2.0		38.0	50
<b>Subject objectives</b>	Starting from no assumptions of prior knowledge, this course will introduce some tools and techniques for research in social science.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[CCJL3_K02] is prepared to actively participate in groups, social or legal projects, organisations and institutions related to criminology in its broadest sense and to the administration of justice, while being able to communicate with both specialists and non-specialists in criminology	Students will write a report, reflecting critically on the methods for social science research presented in the lectures.	[SK3] text preparation/written work
	[CCJL3_UW04] is able to use theoretical knowledge to solve typical problems related to criminology and the functioning of the national and international justice system, as well as to analyze legal and ethical dilemmas in professional work in this area, and to organize their own research work, plan and conduct simple empirical studies	Students will write a report, reflecting critically on the methods for social science research presented in the lectures.	[SU3] text preparation/written work
	[CCJL3_UU02] is able to independently acquire knowledge, learn and develop his professional skills, using a variety of sources (in the native and foreign language) and modern technologies, as well as appropriately select and apply appropriate methods and tools of criminologist's work	Students will write a report, reflecting critically on the methods for social science research presented in the lectures.	[SU3] text preparation/written work
[CCJL3_WG03] is familiar with research methods and tools, including techniques for obtaining data and information, appropriate to the studied area of knowledge	Students will write a report, reflecting critically on the methods for social science research presented in the lectures.	[SW3] text preparation/written work	
Subject contents	<p>We will use the programming language R, the Integrated Development Environment (IDE) RStudio, the version control system Git, the markup language Markdown, and the publishing system Quarto.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.r-project.org/">https://www.r-project.org/</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://posit.co/products/open-source/rstudio/">https://posit.co/products/open-source/rstudio/</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://git-scm.com/">https://git-scm.com/</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://daringfireball.net/projects/markdown/">https://daringfireball.net/projects/markdown/</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://quarto.org/">https://quarto.org/</a></li> </ul>		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	report	50.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	The main ideas of this approach to social science research are described in Kieran Healy's <i>The plain person's guide to plain text social science</i> : <a href="https://plaintext.co/">https://plaintext.co/</a> .	
	Supplementary literature	To learn R and Git, we will use resources from The Carpentries:	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://swcarpentry.github.io/r-novice-gapminder">https://swcarpentry.github.io/r-novice-gapminder</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://swcarpentry.github.io/r-novice-inflammation">https://swcarpentry.github.io/r-novice-inflammation</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://swcarpentry.github.io/git-novice">https://swcarpentry.github.io/git-novice</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://swcarpentry.github.io/shell-novice">https://swcarpentry.github.io/shell-novice</a></li> </ul>	
	eResources addresses		
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	What are the costs and benefits of the research methods discussed in class?		
Work placement	Not applicable		

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