University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Substantive Criminal Law - lecture, PG_00201613		
Field of study	Criminology and Criminal Justice		
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026	Academic year of realisation of subject	2026/2027
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	1	Language of instruction	English
Semester of study	2	ECTS credits	5.0
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 Andrzej Lewna	
	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	2.0	93.0	125

Subject objectives

Assimilation and comprehension by students of the knotty issues of the general science of crime, knowledge of the general principles of Polish substantive criminal law; understanding and assimilation of the conceptual grid of criminal law and moving freely through it. Knowledge of the basic legal regulations of substantive criminal law and the ability to interpret and apply the provisions contained therein

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification

Subject contents

Substantive Criminal Law in comparative legal perspective covers the knotty issues of the general science of crime. The problems of introduction to the science of crime, including: the general theory of punishment, the history of the so-called schools of criminal law, the principles and functions of criminal law in the political-criminal, philosophical and constitutional perspective, and the principles of international criminal law will be discussed in classical terms. The main part of the lecture will include a discussion of the prerequisites for criminal responsibility and the circumstances excluding responsibility, as well as the issue of stage and phenomenal forms (Complicity), and the confluence of the provisions of the law and the confluence of offenses, including in a comparative approach

Prerequisites and co-requisites

None

Assessment methods and criteria

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

Recommended reading	Basic literature	Literature required for final course assement (passing the exam):1. used in class- Markus D Dubber, Tatjana Hörnle, Criminal Law: A Comparative Approach, Oxford University Press Actual Edition,- Markus D Dubber, Tatjana Hörnle (eds.), The Oxford Handbook of Criminal Law, Actual Edition,and given by the lecturer during the class2. studied independently by the student- Flanders, Ch., Hoskins, Z., The New Philosophy of Criminal Law, Lanham, Maryland : Rowman & Littlefield International. actutal edition, available from the eBook Academic Collection database (EBSCOhost), - Herlin-Karnell E., The Constitutional Dimension of European Criminal Law, Modern Studies in European Law, v. 30, Oxford : Hart Publishing. 2. 12, available from the eBook Academic Collection database (EBSCOhost),- Molan, M. T., Criminal Law, Oxford University Press actutal edition, available from the eBook Academic Collection database (EBSCOhost),
	Supplementary literature	Supplementary literature:Duff A., Green S. P., Philosophical Foundations of Criminal Law, Philosophical Foundations of Law, Oxford University Press, Actual edition, available from the eBook Academic Collection database (EBSCOhost),- Ferzan, K. K., Garvey, S. P., Robinson, P. (eds.), Criminal Law Conversations, Oxford University Press 2009, available from the eBook Academic database
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	What is a criminal offence? What are the basic principles of criminal responsibility in the Polish legal order and in selected other legal orders? What are the circumstances excluding criminal liability?	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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