

Subject card

Subject name and code	Fundamentals of the Theory of Crime - lecture, PG_00205390						
Field of study	Criminology						
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			Polish		
Semester of study	2	ECTS credits			3.0		
Learning profile	academic	Assessment form			exam		
Conducting unit	Faculty of Law and Administration -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Paweł Petasz				
	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	45.0		75	
Subject objectives	Students will acquire and understand the general principles of Polish substantive criminal law; understand and assimilate the conceptual framework of criminal law and be able to navigate it freely. They will acquire knowledge of basic legal regulations concerning the principles of criminal liability, stage forms and phenomenal forms, principles of exclusion of criminal liability, and be able to interpret and apply the provisions contained therein.						
Learning outcomes	Course outcome		Subject outcome		Method of verification		
	[KRYML3_W01] Has advanced knowledge of the nature of legal sciences, including, in particular, the branches of law related to the studied major, knows their place in the field of social sciences and understands the relationship between them		He has advanced knowledge of the nature of legal sciences, especially substantive criminal law regarding the concept of a crime.		[SW4] test/exam - oral or written		
	[KRYML3_W02] To an advanced degree, he knows the terminology and key concepts of law, criminology and related sciences, including law, psychology and sociology, to the extent related to the studied major		Has advanced knowledge of the terminology and key concepts in the field of criminal law and criminology regarding the concept of crime and its types.		[SW4] test/exam - oral or written		

Subject contents	<p>A. Lecture Topics Criminal law in the context of other branches of law and academic disciplines. Principles and functions of criminal law. Issues of criminalization. Sources of criminal law. Criminal statutes and their application. General concepts of crimes and offenses. Structure of crimes. Criminal liability and their prerequisites. Act and causal relationship. Objective attribution. Stages and phenomenal forms of committing a prohibited act. Exclusion of criminal liability. Countertypes. Culpability and exclusion of guilt. Social harm and its gradation.</p> <p>B. Exercise Topics The exercises are relevant to the lecture topics. The application of the principles of criminal liability is illustrated using examples from selected types of crimes and offenses.</p>		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
Recommended reading	Basic literature	J. Warylewski: Prawo karne. Część ogólna, Warszawa, najnowsze wydanie texts of criminal laws.	
	Supplementary literature	texts of criminal laws.	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	<p>What is a crime?</p> <p>The subject of the crime.</p>		
Work placement	Not applicable		

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