

Subject card

Subject name and code	Crime - causes, mechanisms and consequences, PG_00209437						
Field of study	Historical game design						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2024		Academic year of realisation of subject				
Education level	Bachelor's studies		Subject group		Obligatory subject group in the field of study Optional subject group		
Mode of study	full-time studies		Mode of delivery		e-learning		
Year of study	3		Language of instruction		Polish		
Semester of study	5		ECTS credits		2.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		credit		
Conducting unit							
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Agnieszka Dalecka-Werpachowska				
	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: 30.0						
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		20.0	50
Subject objectives	The aim of the course is to introduce students to the fundamental issues related to crime as a social, legal, and criminological phenomenon. During the course, students will become familiar with the major theories explaining the causes of criminal behavior, the mechanisms leading to the commission of crimes, and their consequences for offenders, victims, and society. The course develops students' ability to critically analyze crime-related phenomena, evaluate information presented in the media, and understand the role of the state and society in crime prevention. It also aims to foster awareness of the consequences of crime and the importance of crime prevention, victim protection, and shared responsibility for public safety.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
		1. Is able to analyze the phenomenon of crime using knowledge from criminology, law, and the social sciences. 2. Has knowledge and understanding of the main theories explaining the origins of crime, the mechanisms underlying criminal behavior, and its consequences for offenders, victims, and society. 3. Is able to interpret crime-related data and assess the scale, structure, and dynamics of crime, taking into account the limitations resulting from the dark figure of crime and methods of crime measurement. 4. Is able to apply theoretical knowledge of criminology to describe, analyze, and interpret selected forms of criminal behavior, as well as to assess the possibilities for preventing and reducing crime through contemporary crime prevention strategies.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SK3] text preparation/written work [SK4] test/exam - oral or written
Subject contents	Crime as a social phenomenon: definitions, scale, and structure. Sources of knowledge about crime and methods of measuring crime. Major criminological theories explaining the causes of criminal behavior. Selected categories of crime, including violent crime, economic crime, organized crime, and cybercrime. Victims of crime and the phenomenon of victimization. The social, economic, and legal consequences of crime for individuals and society. The functioning of the criminal justice system and the role of law enforcement agencies. Crime prevention, including preventive measures, offender rehabilitation, and social reintegration. Analysis of real-life cases and discussion of contemporary issues related to crime.		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	written exam	51.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	1. P. Chomczyński, P. Frąckowiak, D. Woźniakowska (Eds.), <i>Criminology: Theory and Practice</i>, Wydawnictwo Naukowe PWN, Warsaw, 2024. 2. E. Drzazga, M. Grzyb (Eds.), <i>New Directions in Criminology</i>, Scholar Publishing House, Warsaw, 2019. 3. E. Bieńkowska, <i>Victimology: An Outline</i>, Warsaw, 2000. 4. M. Filar, J. Utrat-Milecki (Eds.), <i>Cultural Determinants of Criminal Policy</i>, Oficyna Naukowa, Warsaw, 2014.	
	Supplementary literature	1. B. Hołyst, <i>Criminology</i>, Wolters Kluwer, Warsaw, 2022. 2. A. Cybal-Michalska, J. Céré, T. Kalisz, W. Zalewski (Eds.), <i>Between Criminology, Penitentiary Studies and Law: Jubilee Book in Honor of Professor Piotr Stępiak</i>, C.H. Beck, Warsaw, 2024.	
	eResources addresses		

Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Why do people commit crimes, and can crime be prevented? What biological, psychological, and social factors influence criminal behavior? Do crime statistics accurately reflect the true scale of crime? How is crime changing under the influence of new technologies? What are the main consequences of crime for offenders, victims, and society? How does the criminal justice system respond to crime? What rights do victims of crime have, and what is secondary victimization?
Work placement	Not applicable

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