

Subject card

Subject name and code	History of modern criminal police - lecture, PG_00132783						
Field of study	Criminology						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026		Academic year of realisation of subject		2026/2027		
Education level	Master's studies		Subject group		Optional subject group		
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		1.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		credit		
Conducting unit	Department of History of Law -> Faculty of Law and Administration -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Dawid Michalski				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20
	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	20		0.0		5.0	25
Subject objectives	The aim of the course is to present the origins, development and contemporary organizational forms of criminal police in selected countries of the world, with particular emphasis on their function in combating crime, the evolution of investigative methods and the impact of social, political and technological changes on their activities. The course aims to develop students' skills in comparative analysis of police systems and understanding the relationship between law enforcement agencies and the rule of law, civil rights and professional ethics.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[KRYMMU2_K01] Is aware of the level of their knowledge and skills, critically evaluates them, understands the need for lifelong learning, and recognizes the importance of knowledge in solving cognitive and practical problems; when unable to solve a problem independently, seeks the opinions of experts.		
	[KRYMMU2_W06] Has in-depth knowledge and is familiar with the terminology used in psychology, sociology, and related disciplines applied in criminology, and understands the fundamental dilemmas of contemporary civilization associated with these fields. The graduate is also familiar with the basic principles of intellectual property and copyright protection, as well as the conditions for the creation and development of various forms of entrepreneurship.		
	[KRYMMU2_W04] Has an in-depth knowledge of various types of crime, their social, legal and economic determinants, theories explaining their development and dynamics, as well as methods of their prevention and control.		
	[KRYMMU2_W01] Has in-depth knowledge of the nature of legal sciences and penal sciences, their place within the system of sciences, their mutual relationships, and the main directions of their development, as well as their connections with other fields of science and the axiological and social determinants of activities related to counteracting crime.		

Subject contents	Introduction to the history of criminal police The concept of criminal police and its place in the structure of law enforcement agencies Differences between the order, investigative and criminal police The birth of modern criminal police in the 19th century The establishment of Scotland Yard (Great Britain) The establishment of the Sureté Nationale (France) The first criminal registers, the beginnings of forensics The development of criminal police in continental Europe (19th/20th centuries) Prussia and the German Empire systematization of investigations Italy, Austria, Russia models of centralization and repression Criminal police in the USA The establishment of the FBI and its role in the fight against organized crime City detectives and federal agencies The development of investigative techniques The development of investigative and identification techniques Fingerprinting, anthropometry, police photography Creating criminal files and databases Profiling criminal and behavioral research Criminal police during totalitarianism (Third Reich, USSR) Gestapo and NKVD when investigation becomes repression The boundary between prosecuting crime and political persecution Rebuilding and democratizing criminal police after 1945 Denazification, reforms, European police cooperation (Interpol) Police independence and citizen control Contemporary models of criminal police in Europe and the USA Structural and competence differences Operational, investigative, analytical work New challenges for criminal police Organized crime, cybercrime, terrorism International cooperation and cross-border challenges Polish criminal police against the European background Interwar tradition, PRL, transformation after 1989 Challenges, problems and directions of development of contemporary criminal police in Poland Institutional culture and ethics of criminal police Image Police in Society Tensions Between Effectiveness and Civil Rights Public Trust and Transparency of Operational Activities Summary: Criminal Police in the Service of Law or Power? Reflection on the Limits of Law Enforcement, Ethical Dilemmas and the Legitimization of Investigative Activities		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	quality	51.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	-	
	Supplementary literature	-	
	eResources addresses		
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	-		
Work placement	Not applicable		

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