University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Environmental Criminology - lecture, PG_00134169						
Field of study	Criminology and Criminal Justice						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject		2027/2028		
Education level	Bachelor's studies		Subject group		Obligatory subject group in the field of study		
Mode of study	full-time studies		Mode of delivery		at the university		
Year of study	3		Language of instruction		English		
Semester of study	6		ECTS credits		4.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		exam		
Conducting unit	Department of Public Economic Law and Environmental Protection Law -> Faculty of Law and Administration -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr hab. Maciej Nyka				
	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		80.0	100
Subject objectives	The aim of the course is to introduce students to issues related to the criminological and legal conditions of environmental crimes.						

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[CCJL3_WG01] has an enhanced 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 relations between them	has extensive knowledge of the nature of legal sciences, including, in particular, environmental law and international environmental law, knows their place in the field of social sciences and understands the relationships between them	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
[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	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 his/her own research work, plan and conduct simple empirical studies in the area of criminological determinants of environmental crimes.	[SU5] implementation of a problem task
[CCJL3_WG04] Has a well-structured and enhanced knowledge of the norms and principles prevailing in structures and institutions related to criminology, including advanced knowledge of the role of state bodies in counteracting sociopathological phenomena, especially crimes, the internal structure of these bodies and their competencies	has structured and extended knowledge of the norms and principles prevailing in structures and institutions related to criminology, including advanced knowledge of the role of state bodies responsible for environmental protection in counteracting socio-pathological phenomena, especially crimes, the internal structure of these bodies and their competences	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
[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	is prepared to actively participate in groups, social or legal projects, organizations and institutions related to criminology in its broadest sense and the justice system, and is also able to communicate with people who are and are not specialists in criminology in the area of issues related to the legal protection of the environment	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SK2] presentation/project/paper/ report

Subject contents

1. Basic definitions and concepts

2. Environmental justice and it's forms and evolution

3. Gren cryminology as an item of research

4. Environmental crimes in Polish legal system

5. Environmental crimes in international legal order

6. Ecocide - as an emerging crime in international law.

7. Overview o basic international agrements

Prerequisites and co-requisites

Assessment methods and criteria

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

Recommended reading

Basic literature

1. R. White, D. Hackenberg Green Criminology: An Introduction to the Study of Environmental Harm Routledge 2014

2. Jack Lampkin Uniting Green Criminology and Earth Jurisprudence. Routledge 2022

	Supplementary literature	1. R. White Theorising Green Criminology: Selected Essays. Routledge 2021
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	1. Principles of international environmental law 2. Constitutional groungs for protecting the environment 3. Philosophical concepts and perspectives on environmental justice	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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