University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	WPiA - Human rights in the 21st century - between theory and practice, PG_00179143		
Field of study	Criminology		
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025	Academic year of realisation of subject	2025/2026
Education level	Bachelor's studies	Subject group	
Mode of study	full-time studies	Mode of delivery	e-learning
Year of study	1	Language of instruction	Polish Polish
Semester of study	1	ECTS credits	2.0
Learning profile	academic	Assessment form	credit
Conducting unit	Department of Human Rights and Intellectual Property Law -> Faculty of Law and Administration -> Rector		
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor	dr Anna Podolska	
	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 primary purpose of the lecture is to provide students with basic knowledge of human rights protection and to explain the concept of human rights, the scope of their regulation, as well as protection in domestic and international law. Students will also learn about the jurisprudence of Polish courts and the European Court of Human Rights, including in cases against Poland concerning the European Convention on Human Rights.

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	Students understand what human rights are and their importance in the modern world. Students know the protection mechanisms available in the national and international systems.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SK5] implementation of a problem task

Subject contents	1. The concept and history of human rights. 2. National system of protection. 3. General characteristics of the international system of human rights protection- the essence and elements of the system of human rights protection: - Development of international human rights protection - Universal system of human rights protection - Regional systems of human rights protection 4. Selected guarantees of human rights. 5. Human rights and new technologies.
Prerequisites and co-requisites	

Assessment methods and criteria

Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
tasks/project/presentation	51.0%	70.0%
attendance	30.0%	30.0%

Recommended reading

Basic literature	J. Holda, Z. Holda, D. Ostrowska, Human Rights. Outline of the lecture, Warsaw 2011W. Brzozowski, A. Krzywoń, M. Wiącek, Human rights, Warsaw 2018K. Orzeszyna, M. Skwarzyński, R. Tabaszewski, Prawo międzynarodowe praw człowieka, Warsaw 2020
Supplementary literature	M. Balcerzak, S. Sykuna (eds.), Lexicon of human rights protection. 100 basic concepts, Warsaw 2010J. Blau, Human Rights, Abingdon 2016J. Donnelly, Universal human rights in theory and practice, Ithaca 2013
eResources addresses	

Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	- Who is obligated under human rights?- Examples of divisions of human rights.- What is discrimination.- Which system of human rights protection is the most effective.- Assessment of the fulfillment of human rights in Poland.
Work placement	Not applicable

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