

Subject card

Subject name and code	Maritime criminal law - lecture, PG_00133124						
Field of study	Criminology						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026		Academic year of realisation of subject		2027/2028		
Education level	Master'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	2		Language of instruction		Polish		
Semester of study	4		ECTS credits		2.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		credit		
Conducting unit	Faculty of Law and Administration -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Magdalena Adamowicz				
	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		30.0	50
Subject objectives	The aim of the lecture is to provide a detailed understanding of maritime criminal law and the concept, specificity and significance of crimes against the safety of maritime navigation, the issues of maritime piracy, maritime terrorism and cybercrime, their impact on the social, economic, political, environmental and cultural spheres, the prosecution of perpetrators of crimes involving seagoing vessels, as well as the principles and procedures for investigating and proceeding in maritime accidents, legal instruments for the protection of ships and port facilities, and the system of maritime criminal and administrative sanctions.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[KRYMMU2_K05] Is able to responsibly perform professional roles while taking into account changing social needs, contribute to the development and maintenance of professional achievements and ethos, as well as observe and develop the principles of professional ethics and promote compliance with these principles.		[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SK8] observation of student's independent or team work
	[KRYMMU2_W03] Has an in-depth knowledge of legal regulations within various branches of law related to the field of study.		[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[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.		[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW2] presentation/project/paper/report [SW5] implementation of a problem task

Subject contents	1. Introduction to Maritime Criminal Law The concept and scope of maritime criminal law; characteristics of maritime criminal law norms of international, EU, and national origin; the role and function of maritime criminal law; the subject matter of maritime criminal law, the subjects of maritime criminal law; the criminal jurisdiction of the coastal state; crimes committed on Polish vessels; crimes committed on foreign vessels while transiting the Polish territorial sea; the obligations of authorities undertaking criminal jurisdictional actions; the obligations of the captain of a seagoing vessel (e.g., detaining a person suspected of committing a crime on board; the procedure for dealing with stowaways); preventing violations of customs, fiscal, illegal immigration, and sanitary regulations, as well as the prosecution, detention, and punishment of perpetrators of violations of these regulations in the Polish contiguous zone. 2. Offenses against the Safety of Maritime Navigation The concept and types of offenses against the safety of maritime navigation (e.g., seizure of a ship or taking control of a ship by force or the threat thereof; an act of violence against a person on board a ship; destruction of a ship or its navigational equipment; placing a device or substance on a ship that may destroy the ship or its cargo, creating a threat or potential threat; providing false information); "maritime offenses" and their legal nature; the specific nature of violations of applicable administrative regulations; prosecution and punishment of perpetrators of offenses against the safety of navigation (case studies). 3. The Crime of Maritime Piracy The concept of maritime piracy and maritime robbery, the subject matter of maritime piracy, universal jurisdiction; the obligation of states to cooperate in combating maritime piracy; incitement (directive perpetration); aiding and abetting; prosecution and criminalization of maritime piracy (case studies). 4. The Crime of Maritime Terrorism The concept of maritime terrorism; examples of acts of maritime terrorism; financing of maritime terrorism; maritime cyberterrorism and managing the risk of cyberviolence directed against ships and the safety of maritime navigation (case studies). 5. "Maritime Violence" Organized crime groups using maritime vessels for criminal activities; preventing and combating human smuggling and trafficking - the problem of irregular migration; trafficking in drugs, psychotropic substances, and cigarettes and the situation of the captain and crew of a maritime vessel; transporting terrorists on maritime merchant vessels (case studies). 6. Crimes against the marine environment and its resources, and underwater cultural heritage Illegal discharges of waste and other pollutants into the sea; sanctions for accidental discharges; illegal, unreported, and unregulated sea fishing; protection of shipwrecks and preventing and combating illegal activities involving plunder and destruction (case studies). 7. Protection of ships and port facilities against acts of terrorism and other unlawful acts Three levels of maritime and port security; maritime and port security instruments (e.g., ship security plan, port security plan); fines for violations of ship and port facility security regulations (case studies). 8. Investigation of maritime accidents Jurisdiction of national criminal courts in maritime accident cases; investigation of maritime accident cases before maritime chambers; proceedings in maritime accident cases before maritime chambers; examination of the circumstances and causes of maritime accidents by the State Commission for the Investigation of Maritime Accidents (cases). 9. Maritime Criminal Sanctions System Penalties for offenses against the safety of navigation; penalties for offenses related to marine pollution; penalties for violations of obligations related to the safety of navigation (e.g., failure to report a vessel for inspection or measurement); legal nature and procedure for imposing fines by the director of the maritime office. 10. Cooperation of States with International Organizations on Organized Crime The obligation of states to cooperate in preventing and combating unlawful acts that threaten the safety of maritime navigation (including the safety of the ship, crew, passengers, cargo, and the environment); international and regional levels of institutional cooperation; methods and procedures; effectiveness of preventing and combating offenses against the safety of maritime navigation.		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	test	51.0%	50.0%
	presentation	51.0%	50.0%

Recommended reading	Basic literature	Kodeks morski. Komentarz, D. Pyc, C. Łuczywek, I. Zuzewicz-Wiewiorowska (red.), Wolters Kluwer, Warszawa 2022 Leksykon prawa morskiego. 100 podstawowych pojęć, D. Pyc, I. Zuzewicz-Wiewiorowska (red.), C.H.Beck, Warszawa 2020 IMLI Manual on International Maritime Law, vol. III Marine Environmental Law and Maritime Security Law, gen ed. D.J. Attard, ed. M. Fitzmaurice, N. A Martínez Gutiérrez, R. Hamza, Oxford University Press 2016 D. Guilfoyle, Shipping Interdiction and the Law of the Sea, Cambridge University Press 2009 ISPS Code: www.imo.org SMAIC Reports: http://pkbwm.gov.pl/en/reports-and-analyses "Prawo Morskie" - czasopismo naukowe Komisji Prawa Morskiego PAN - artykuły dostępne na stronie: https://journals.pan.pl/pm
	Supplementary literature	UNDOC: www.unodc.org UNCLOS: www.un.org/Depts/los/convention_agreements/texts/unclos/unclos_e.pdf SUA: http://oceansbeyondpiracy.org/sites/default/files/SUA_Convention_and_Protocol.pdf
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed		
Work placement	Not applicable	

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