

Subject card

Subject name and code		Penitentiary psychology - lecture, PG_00131772						
Field of study		Criminology						
Date of commencement of studies		October 2026	Academic year of realisation of subject			2028/2029		
Education level		Bachelor'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		3	Language of instruction			Polish		
Semester of study		6	ECTS credits			1.0		
Learning profile		academic	Assessment form			exam		
Conducting unit		Faculty of Law and Administration -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)		Subject supervisor		dr hab. Andrzej Piotrowski				
		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 purpose of the class is to provide basic information about the functioning of penitentiary institutions, methods of psychological interventions and the impact of prison isolation on human functioning.						
Learning outcomes		Course outcome		Subject outcome		Method of verification		
		[KRYML3_W06] Has advanced knowledge of the problems of perpetrators and victims of crime, including the causes of socio-pathological behavior, factors affecting victimization, measures to prevent secondary victimization, as well as the duties and powers of these persons during criminal proceedings		The student has a good understanding of the fundamental issues in prison psychology and is able to identify the key areas of a psychologist's work.		[SW4] test/exam - oral or written		
		[KRYML3_W03] Has advanced knowledge and understands the relationships and social and psychological determinants between selected phenomena related to criminal acts, including key social and psychological phenomena relevant to the context of the studied field.		They have a systematic and in-depth understanding of the specialisation of prison psychology, covering terminology, theory and methodology.		[SW4] test/exam - oral or written		
		[KRYML3_W04] Has advanced knowledge and understands the legal and institutional conditions of the functioning of state authorities, as well as the role of these authorities in counteracting pathological phenomena, especially crimes; also knows the internal structure of these authorities and their competences.		They identify with the values, objectives and tasks carried out in psychological practice, and demonstrate prudence, maturity and commitment in the design, planning and implementation of psychological interventions		[SW4] test/exam - oral or written		

Subject contents	<p>History of the prison system. Organization of the prison system in the world. Organization of the penitentiary system in Poland. Basics of the functioning of the Prison Service. Theories of crime. Characteristics of the inmate community. Objectives and principles of imprisonment and pretrial detention. The impact of prison isolation on human functioning. Measures of influence on convicts. Preparation of convicts to leave prison. Post-penitentiary assistance. Contemporary research within the framework of penitentiary psychology and criminology.</p>		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	Written exam - a test and a presentation of the selected topic.	51.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	<p>Ciosek, M. (2000). Psychologia sądowa i penitencjarna. Warszawa, Wydawnictwo Prawnicze PWN.</p> <p>Ciosek, M., B. Pastwa-Wojciechowska (red.) (2015). Psychologia penitencjarna. Warszawa, Wydawnictwo PWN.</p>	
	Supplementary literature	<p>Niewiadomska, I. (2007). Osobowościowe uwarunkowania skuteczności kary pozbawienia wolności. Lublin, Wydawnictwo KUL.</p> <p>Piotrowski, A. (2010). Stres i wypalenie zawodowe funkcjonariuszy Służby Więziennej. Warszawa, Difin.</p> <p>Przybyliński, S. (2006). Podkultura więzienna. Wielowymiarowość rzeczywistości penitencjarnej. Kraków, Oficyna Wydawnicza Impuls</p>	
	eResources addresses		
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	<p>Typology of prisons.</p> <p>Functions of the prison subculture.</p>		
Work placement	Not applicable		

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