

Subject card

Subject name and code	Penitentiary psychology - lecture, PG_00134178						
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	part-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	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10
	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	10		0.0		15.0	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_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.	Upon completion of the course, students will be able to: summarise the history of the prison system worldwide and in Poland; describe the principles governing the operation of correctional institutions; explain the processes and behaviours characteristic of the prison environment; distinguish between different types of prisoners; describe the various types of correctional institutions and systems for the enforcement of custodial sentences; Characterise methods of correctional intervention	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[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	Appreciates the importance of psychological sciences for the development of the individual and proper relationships in society, has a positive attitude towards the acquisition of knowledge in the scientific discipline studied and the building of a psychologist's workshop	[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.	Be able to use and integrate theoretical knowledge from psychology and related disciplines to analyse complex psychological, educational, supportive or therapeutic problems, as well as to diagnose and design practical actions	[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	Typology of prisons. Functions of the prison subculture.
Work placement	Not applicable

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