

Subject card

Subject name and code	History of law and criminal trial - lecture, PG_00209996						
Field of study	Criminology						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026		Academic year of realisation of subject		2026/2027		
Education level	Bachelor's studies		Subject group		Obligatory subject group in the field of study		
Mode of study	part-time studies		Mode of delivery		at the university		
Year of study	1		Language of instruction		Polish		
Semester of study	1		ECTS credits		2.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		exam		
Conducting unit	Department of History of Law -> Faculty of Law and Administration -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Piotr Kitowski				
	Teachers		dr Piotr Kitowski				
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	15.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15
	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	15		0.0		35.0	50
Subject objectives	The aim of the course is to present the historical evolution of structures and institutions related to criminal law and the criminal process.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[KRYML3_W01] Has advanced 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 relationship between them	Students are able to use knowledge of the history of law and criminal procedure in connection with social phenomena	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[KRYML3_K01] Is aware of the level of his knowledge and skills, and understands the need for lifelong learning and the need to expand professional competence and qualifications, as well as to improve skills		
	[KRYML3_W03] Has advanced knowledge and understanding of facts, theories, methods, and complex relationships concerning selected phenomena related to prohibited acts, in particular key social and psychological phenomena relevant to criminology, as well as their social, psychological, and cultural determinants.		
	[KRYML3_W04] Understands and comprehends the legal and institutional determinants governing the functioning of state authorities, their internal structure, competencies, and role in counteracting pathological phenomena, particularly crime. Also understands the fundamental dilemmas of contemporary civilization related to security, the protection of individual rights and freedoms, as well as social and technological development. Furthermore, possesses knowledge of the basic principles of intellectual property protection and copyright law, as well as the conditions for creating and developing various forms of entrepreneurship.	Students are able to use knowledge of the history of law and criminal procedure in connection with social phenomena	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
Subject contents	The lecture will focus on the most important issues in the history of penal law and procedure from the Middle Ages to modern times. The subjects of the lecture will be: 1. Factors (social, political, economic and legal) influencing the shaping of penal law and procedure in the Middle Ages and Early Modern period. 2. Institutions and principles of penal law and procedure and their evolution in the Middle Ages and Early Modern period. 3. Factors (social, political, economic and legal) affecting the development of penal law and procedure in the 18th and 19th centuries. 3. Changes in penal law in the 18th and 19th centuries. 4. Changes in penal procedure in the 18th and 19th centuries. 5. Penal law and procedure in totalitarian states. 6. Modern development of penal law and procedure (after 1945).		
Prerequisites and co-requisites	None.		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	written exam	51.0%	100.0%

Recommended reading	Basic literature	1. Tadeusz Maciejewski, The History of Polish Legal System from the 10th to the 20th century, Warszawa 2016. 2. General History of the State and of Law, ed. Tadeusz Maciejewski, Gdańsk 2019. 3. P. Lawrence, B. Godfrey, Crime and justice 1750-1950, Taylor & Francis 2005. 4. P. Knepper, A. Johansen, The Oxford Handbook of the History of Crime and Criminal Justice, Oxford 2016.
	Supplementary literature	None.
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	None.	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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