

Subject card

Subject name and code	History of modern criminal police - lecture, PG_00132614						
Field of study	Criminology						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026		Academic year of realisation of subject		2026/2027		
Education level	Master's studies		Subject group		Optional subject group		
Mode of study	part-time studies		Mode of delivery		at the university		
Year of study	1		Language of instruction		Polish		
Semester of study	2		ECTS credits		2.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		credit		
Conducting unit	Department of History of Law -> Faculty of Law and Administration -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Jacek Waldoch				
	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		40.0	50
Subject objectives	The aim of the subject is to present the origins, development and contemporary organizational forms of criminal police in selected countries of the world, with particular emphasis on Europe and the United States. Students will become familiar with the evolution of structures, work methods and the social, political and legal context that shaped the activities of services responsible for combating criminal crime. Particular emphasis is placed on the analysis of differences and similarities between systems, the impact of wars, political regimes and the development of forensic techniques. The subject also aims to develop critical thinking skills and understanding the role and challenges faced by contemporary police formations in the context of the history of institutions dealing with crime.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[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.		
	[KRYMMU2_K01] Is aware of the level of their knowledge and skills, critically evaluates them, understands the need for lifelong learning, and recognizes the importance of knowledge in solving cognitive and practical problems; when unable to solve a problem independently, seeks the opinions of experts.		
	[KRYMMU2_W06] Has in-depth knowledge and is familiar with the terminology used in psychology, sociology, and related disciplines applied in criminology, and understands the fundamental dilemmas of contemporary civilization associated with these fields. The graduate is also familiar with the basic principles of intellectual property and copyright protection, as well as the conditions for the creation and development of various forms of entrepreneurship.		
	[KRYMMU2_W04] Has an in-depth knowledge of various types of crime, their social, legal and economic determinants, theories explaining their development and dynamics, as well as methods of their prevention and control.		
Subject contents	The subject includes a historical review of the formation and development of criminal police from the end of the 19th century to the present day. The course analyzes the organizational foundations, tasks and methods of operation of police services dealing with combating common and organized crime in various political and legal systems. Particular emphasis is placed on: the institutional and functional genesis of criminal police in Europe and the USA, the impact of social, political and technological changes on the evolution of police structures, the development of investigative methods and forensic techniques, the formation of specialist units (e.g. FBI, Scotland Yard, BKA, CBŠP), police activities during periods of authoritarian and totalitarian regimes, post-war reforms of police services and their adaptation to democratic standards, the importance of human rights and ethical norms in the work of criminal services, the impact of psychological and sociological theories on the understanding of crime and the activities of law enforcement agencies. The content is presented in a comparative and interdisciplinary approach, with reference to contemporary challenges for law enforcement agencies in democratic countries. The subject develops critical thinking skills and understanding the role of historical conditions in shaping public security.		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	presentation	50.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	-	
	Supplementary literature	-	
	eResources addresses		
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	-		
Work placement	Not applicable		