

Lecturer: Prof Hanna Paluszkiewicz

Subject: Introduction to Polish Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure

The course is aimed to explain the principles of the contemporary criminal law and criminal procedure in Poland. It is focused on the presentation of basic problems of the crime, punishment and description of reaching a penal responsibility in a fair trial process. The course is expected to address the crucial questions associated with the model of criminal proceedings and capture the essence of the last changes of the Polish criminal law.

Learning Outcomes:

Learning outcome of the course is to introduce the following concepts:

- Basic concepts and terminology of criminal law and criminal procedure,
- Legal sources in the field of penal law (Penal Code and Code of Criminal Procedure),
- Concept and model of criminal proceedings,
- Primary principles of criminal proceedings in Poland,
- Law of evidence,
- Concept and the methods of ensuring the proper course of proceedings (arrest and others preventive measures),
- Interaction between the preparatory proceedings and a proceedings before the court of first instance,
- Appellate proceedings.

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- Basic concepts and main problems of polish criminal law and criminal procedure, especially the essence of the last changes of the penal law,
- Model of polish criminal proceedings and primary principles of criminal proceedings,
- Law of evidence in the fields of polish criminal procedural law,

- Basic knowledge about preparatory proceedings, proceedings before the court of first instance and appellate proceedings.

Workload:

Students are expected to take part in regular lectures. The course is designed to last 12 hours. Forms of study: classes, multimedia presentation, guided visit in criminal court (3h).

Requisite and Incompatibility:

General knowledge in the scope of lawmaking and principles of continental penal law.

Obligatory Reading:

1. A.J.Szwarc, Criminal Law, Handbook of Polish Law (ed. W. Dajczak, A.J.Szwarc, P.Wiliński), ParkPrawo, 2011,
2. P.Wiliński, Criminal Procedure, Handbook of Polish Law (ed. W. Dajczak, A.J.Szwarc, P.Wiliński), ParkPrawo, 2011,

Additionally Reading:

1. The Penal Code, CH Beck, bilingual edition (Latest update 1 July 2015)
2. The Code of Criminal Procedure, CH Beck, bilingual edition (Latest update 1 July 2015)

Examination:

Examination in written (3 question on given subjects) or oral form.