

ANNEX 2 – COURSE DESCRIPTION

Course title	Criminology				
Course code	LAW-250				
Course type	Elective				
Level	Undergraduate				
Year / Semester	2 nd /D				
Teacher's name	Lambros Kaoullas				
ECTS	6	Lectures / week	3 hours per week	Laboratories / week	
Course purpose and objectives	<p>The aim of the course is to examine and analyze crime as a social phenomenon. Additionally, the purpose is to study the relationship of crime with the various subjects of criminal law, such as the criminal, the victim, the subjects of justice, and more broadly, its social impact. To this end, there will be an analysis of the various theories that have been developed around crime, as well as the main study areas of criminology, namely crime, the criminal, the victim, and society. Furthermore, the causes and forms of crime and modern trends in criminology will be presented. Finally, there will be a connection between criminology and the law, particularly with criminal justice, and how it contributes to the criminal treatment of the offender.</p>				
Learning outcomes	<p>Upon completion of the course, students are expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understand the scientific field of criminology. - Analyse the phenomenon of crime, its causes, and contributing factors. - Apply basic criminological theories related to crime. - Identify elements of criminal behaviour using both quantitative and qualitative criteria. - Be able to identify various types of crime and their correlation with social factors. - Determine the profile of a criminal and the factors that led them to criminal acts. - Conduct a criminological approach to the defendant in a criminal trial. - Develop critical thinking on contemporary issues of crime policy. - Understand the relationship between criminology and criminal law. 				

Prerequisites	N/A	Required	N/A
Course content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The science of criminology. Introduction to criminology, its scientific field, and basic concepts. • The concept and nature of crime. Causes of criminal behaviour including biological, psychological, and social approaches. • Pre-criminal behaviours and tendencies. Family, social, and other factors. • The concept of the victim and the relationship between society and crime. • Criminology methodology. Criminological statistics. • The causes of crime. Various theoretical approaches. • Categories of criminals. • Typology of criminal behaviour. Organized crime, violent crimes, economic crimes, hate crimes, domestic violence, sports-related violence, school violence, and sexual violence. • Anti-crime policy. Definition, principles, and purpose. • Relationship between criminology and law. 		
Teaching methodology	<p>Lectures with the help of powerpoints and encouragement of active participation and dialogue, assignments, presentations, and workshops.</p> <p>Presentation and analysis of court decisions.</p> <p>Case studies/examples.</p>		
Bibliography	<p>S. Vidali, *Introduction to Criminology* (Nomiki Bibliothiki 2022).</p> <p>K.D. Spinelli, *Criminology – Modern and Older Directions*, 3rd ed. (Nomiki Bibliothiki 2014).</p> <p>Ch. Dimopoulos, *Criminology* (Nomiki Bibliothiki 2022).</p> <p>S. Alexiadis, *Criminology*, 5th ed. (Sakkoulas 2011).</p> <p>N. Kourakis, *Criminological Horizons*, Volumes A and B (Ant. N. Sakkoulas 2005).</p> <p>A. Liebling/ S. Maruna/ L. McAra (eds.), <i>The Oxford Handbook of Criminology</i>, 7th ed. (Oxford University Press 2023).</p> <p>S. Jones, <i>Criminology</i>, 7th ed. (Oxford University Press 2023).</p>		

	<p>S. Easton/ Ch. Piper, Sentencing and Punishment, 5th ed. (Oxford University Press 2022).</p> <p>S. Case/ P. Johnson/ D. Manlow/ R. Smith/ K. Williams, The Oxford Textbook on Criminology, 2nd ed. (Oxford University Press 2021)</p>
Assessment	<p>Assignment: 30%</p> <p>Class participation: 20%</p> <p>Final examination: 50%</p>
Language	<p>Greek</p>

