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2500257 Criminology	OB	2	1

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Use of languages

Principal working language: catalan (cat)
Some groups entirely in English: No
Some groups entirely in Catalan: Yes
Some groups entirely in Spanish: No

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Prerequisites

To be defined

Objectives and Contextualisation

This subject has as fundamental aim to offer an overview about policing in our society. That's to say, its place in the Criminal Justice System, in the Public Administration, its relationships with the public, the functions performed by the police (preventative, reactive and supportive). The course also focuses on the scope and limit of police functions, the police culture, stressing what is common in all police organisation and what varies in function of the models and public policies.

As second objective, complementary to the previous one, this subject contextualises police, security and criminal justice as concentric circles (being security the largest). Students should clearly identify police role within the framework of Criminal justice and security in general. They should also understand the meaning of its functions, namely, its relationship with crime and law and identify the main traits of the police organisation and those of other usual police partners, especially private security. Eventually students should have basic knowledge on security planning.

Content

Programme

1. Police and security

- 1.1. Security. From state security to citizens and human security
- 1.2. Subjective and objective security. Instruments to measure it. The role of Mass Media.
- 1.3. Definition of security scope. From crime to peaceful living together.
- 1.4. The police. Function and structure.

1.5. Security and Police: An impossible equivalence. Plurality of actors: Administration, private sector, NGOs, associations.

1.6. Security planning.

2. Legal framework

2.1. The growing internationalisation of policing. The Council of Europe, the European Union and international treaties.

2.2. The Spanish Constitution and further legislation and state and regional level. Sector regulations of security, no global one.

2.3. The Public Security System of Catalonia.

2.4. Cooperation Police-private security. Current regulation

3. Police and Society

3.1 Different models of relation between Police and Society. Public Service Model (Community policing), governmental police and professional police.

3.2 Police and the public: A controversial relationship. The inexistence of one only community

3.3 Police as permanent public service. Virtues and dangers.

3.4. Legitimacy, Police auctoritas

3.5. Police ethics: means and ends, corruption, gratuities. International texts.

3.6. Police accountability.

4. The Police and the law.

4.1. Police as Law Enforcement Agency.

4.2. Law as legitimating and limit.

4.3. The impossible absolute enforcement of law.

4.4. Law as an insufficient approach to policing

4.5. Police discretion.

5. Police and Crime.

5.1 Persecuting crime as police function: Myth or reality

5.2 Crime prevention. Situational prevention. Is that the only way in which police can prevent crime?

5.3 Police patrol and crime: from Kansas City to smart policing

5.4. Disorder and crime. From broken windows to Zero Tolerance: an unproved connection.

6. Conflicts, incivilities and public order.

6.1 Police before conflicts and antisocial behaviour.

6.2 Public order in Democracy: Public security.

6.3 Public order strategies and tactics.

7. Police profession and organisation.

7.1 Police professional: culture and organisation.

7.2. Access to Police. Single entrance versus double way.

7.3. Specialist versus generalist.

7.4. Central and territorial units: A permanent unfinished balance.

7.5. Special units: SWAT teams and internal affairs.

7.6 Non police personnel.

7.7 Police unions.

7.8 New internal partners: Guardians, auxiliary officers, voluntaries.

8. Police systems. Tendencies.

8.1 Governmental police: France, Italy, Spain and Portugal.

8.2 Police as public service. Community policing with local basis: the United Kingdom.

8.3 A new basically local system: Belgium.

8.4 Federal systems: Germany, USA and Canada

8.5. A "de-centralised" system: Spain.

8.6. Towards a plural policing model.