

**Applied Criminal Psychology**

Code: 100445  
 ECTS Credits: 6

Degree	Type	Year	Semester
2500257 Criminology	OB	3	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

**Teachers**

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**Prerequisites**

There are no prerequisites to enrol in this course, but it is recommended to have passed and have a good level in the subjects of "Criminal law" and "Introduction to law"

**Objectives and Contextualisation**

The course expects that the student identifies the institutional approach to crime as a complex political decision involving different inputs and interests. Second, the course expects that the student identifies critically principles, motivations, objectives, functions and ideologies behind every criminal policy / option. Finally, the course expects that the student could locate each criminal policy decision (on terrorism, gender violence , drugs, immigration, small patrimonial delinquency, sexual crimes, ...) in any of the criminal policies trends that have been underlined by scholars.

**Skills**

- Ability to analyse and summarise.
- Generating innovative and competitive proposals in research and professional activity.
- Reflecting on the foundations of criminology (theoretical, empirical and ethical-political ones) and expressing this in analysis and propositions.
- Students must demonstrate they know a variety of criminal policies in order to face criminality and its different foundations.
- Verbally transmitting ideas to an audience.
- Working autonomously.

**Learning outcomes**

1. Ability to analyse and summarise.

2. Applying the variety of criminal policies and their foundations in the criminological field.
3. Generating innovative and competitive proposals in research and professional activity.
4. Inferring the scientific knowledge of criminology in the applied field.
5. Verbally transmitting ideas to an audience.
6. Working autonomously.

## Content

Item 1: Approach to the concept of criminal policy.

Item 2: Relations and differences between criminology, criminal policy and criminal law.

Item 3. Crisis of penal welfarism and the emergence of new political and criminal trends.

Item 4. Models of contemporary criminal policy (1) the criminal law of risk

Item 5. Models of contemporary criminal policy (2): the criminal law of security.

Item 6. Models of the contemporary criminal policy (3) the criminal law of the enemy.

Item 7. Models of the contemporary criminal policy (4): the friend's criminal law.

Item 8. The symbolic use of criminal law.

Item 9. Punitive populism.

Item 10. The influence of the media on criminal policy.

Item 11. The current political discussion on criminal policy in Spain

Item 12. Drugs criminal policy

Item 13. Road safety criminal policy

Item 14. Immigration criminal policy

## Methodology

**Theoretical class.** In the theoretical class the teacher will develop the theoretical content of each one of the subjects of the program.

**Study and previous readings.** The student must work the bibliography provided by the teacher so that he can supplement with it the content of the theoretical class. It is strongly recommended that the student complement the learning in the class and benefit from the insights of these readings.

**Problem solving in seminars.** Usually the seminars will be dedicated to raise practical issues with the purpose of solving or discussing some problem or exercise related to the subject taught in the theoretical class.

**Tutorials** . During the course the student will be able to have individualized tutorials to clarify doubts regarding the content of the subject or to evaluate the process of its continuous evaluation.

## Activities

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning outcomes
<b>Type: Directed</b>			
Introductory activity	1.5	0.06	6
problem solving in seminars	22	0.88	2, 5, 6
theoretical class	21.5	0.86	2, 4
<b>Type: Supervised</b>			
Final test	3	0.12	
tutorials	2	0.08	
<b>Type: Autonomous</b>			
previous readings	39	1.56	4, 1, 6

study	61	2.44	2, 4, 1, 6
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## Evaluation

**Lectures and seminars.** A minimum of 80% attendance to lectures and seminars is mandatory. This is a conditio sine qua non to be able to pass the subject

**Continuous assessment tests.** Throughout the course, up to four continuous assessment activities will be carried out, which will consist of the development of long questions or answers to short questions to test the comprehension of compulsory readings. The dates and content of such tests will be made public on the virtual campus well in advance. In order to face these activities, it is advisable that the student not only comprehensively read the reading, but also correctly assists and assimilates the content of the theoretical class and the problems discussed in the seminars. The results obtained in these activities will be worth one point each, being able to obtain up to 4 points of the final note. In order to achieve the four points, the student must necessarily develop each of the four continuous assessment activities. The student who has failed in any of these activities may improve their mark by performing an extra activity at the end of the course that will replace the worst of the grades obtained.

**Test final set.** At the end of the course the student must pass an overall test to assess the learning or the theoretical content of the course. This examination will consist of three questions to be developed. Which will be worth 2 points each. In this test the student can obtain up to 6 points of the final mark. In order to pass the subject, the student must complete and pass the two parts of the evaluation (the 4 continuous evaluation activities and the joint test). The student who would fail the final exam, will have the opportunity to a second chance.

**Class participation.** Participation in class that shows progress in the aims of the course will allow to increase the final mark up to 0.5 points.

## Evaluation activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning outcomes
Active class participation	Increase the final mark up to 0,5 points.	0	0	5
Continuous assessment tests	40%	0	0	2, 4, 1, 6
Minimum attendance to 80% of the classes	conditio sine qua non	0	0	2, 3, 4, 1
Test final set	60%	0	0	2, 4, 1

## Bibliography

### Basic Bibliography Recommended:

- Borja Jiménez, E. (2003) Curso de política criminal. València: Tirant lo blanch.
- Sanz Mulas, N. (2016) Política criminal. Salamanca: Ratio legis.

### Mandatory readings:

Item 1: Borja Jiménez, E. (2003). Curso de política criminal. Valencia: Tirant lo blanch.

Item 2: Cid, J.-Larrauri, E. (2001). Teorías criminológicas. Barcelona: Bosch.

Item 3: Garland, D. (2001). La cultura del control. Barcelona: Gedisa.

Item 4: Diez Ripollés,J.L. (2003). El nuevo modelo penal de la seguridad ciudadana. Revista Electrónica de Ciencia penal y Criminología 6 [criminet.ugr.es/recpc/06/recpc06-03.pdf]

Item 5: Cancio,M.-Jakobs,G. (2006). Derecho penal del enemigo. Madrid: Civitas.

Item 6: Vidales,C. (2013). Derecho penal del amigo. Reflexiones críticas acerca de la reciente modificación de los delitos contra la Hacienda pública y la seguridad social". Revista de derecho y proceso penal 32.

Item 7: Mendoza,B. (2001). El derecho penal en la sociedad del riesgo. Madrid: Civitas.

Item 8: García Arán,M. (2010). "El derecho penal simbólico (a propósito del nuevo delito de dopaje deportivo y su tratamiento mediático)" en García Arán,M.-Botella,J. (dir.) (2010) Malas noticias. Valencia: Tirant lo Blanch.

Item 9: Newburn,T.-Jones,T. (2008) Symbolic politics and penal populism: the long shadow of Willie Horton. Crime, media, Culture (1) 1.

Item 10: García Arán,M. (2008) El discurs mediàtic sobre la delinqüència i la seva incidència en les reformes penals. Revista Catalana de Seguretat Pública, abril.

Item 11: Silva Sánchez,J.Mª. (2006) La expansión del derecho penal. Buenos Aires: BdeF.

Item 12: González,C. (1999) Política(s) criminal(es) en materia de drogas (prohibicionismos. reducción de daños) en Larrauri,E. (dir.) (1999) Política criminal. Madrid: CGPJ.

Item 13: García Albero,R. (2009) La nueva política criminal de la seguridad vial. Revista Electrónica de Ciencia Penal y Criminología 11 [criminet.ugr.es/recpc/09/recpc09-11.pdf]

Item 14: Baucells,J. (2005) El derecho penal ante el fenómeno migratorio. Revista de Derecho y proceso penal 13.