

Comparative Criminology

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Teaching groups languages

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Prerequisites

This course requires a B2 level of English.

Objectives and Contextualisation

- Understand the methodological problems related to the comparisons of crime across nations.
- Understand the way in which crime data are collected across nations.
- Understand the theoretical explanations of the evolution of crime across time and space.
- Understand how a historical and cultural approach can help to explore differences in crime and the use of punishment in different countries.

Competences

- Ability to analyse and summarise.
- Accessing and interpreting sources of crime data.
- Drawing up an academic text.
- 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 be capable of autonomously updating their criminological knowledge.
- Students must demonstrate they comprehend the criminological theories.
- 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.
- Working in teams and networking.

Learning Outcomes

1. Ability to analyse and summarise.
2. Applying the variety of criminal policies and their foundations in the criminological field.
3. Drawing up an academic text.
4. Effectively using the theoretical foundations of criminology.
5. Finding and analysing crime databases.
6. Generating innovative and competitive proposals in research and professional activity.
7. Inferring the scientific knowledge of criminology in the applied field.
8. Students must show interest for the scientific updates in the criminological field.
9. Verbally transmitting ideas to an audience.
10. Working autonomously.
11. Working in teams and networking.

Content

1. Introduction
2. Theories on comparative criminology
3. Comparing crime and punishment in different time, space, and cultures.
4. Culture and the explanation of crime and victims in comparative criminology
5. Convictions statistics in comparative criminology
6. Policing and police cultures.
7. Criminal policies in comparative perspective. Criminal policies and welfare models.
8. Victim surveys in comparative perspective
9. International crimes and international criminal justice system.
10. The future of comparative criminology.

Methodology

- The course combines lectures and seminars. It requires reading a series of scientific articles for their discussion in class. In the seminars papers and other assignments will be discussed and submitted by the students.
- Before the starting of the course a detailed weekly schedule of activities will be provided.

Annotation: Within the schedule set by the centre or degree programme, 15 minutes of one class will be reserved for students to evaluate their lecturers and their courses or modules through questionnaires.

Activities

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Type: Directed			
Evaluation	5	0.2	2, 6, 7, 3, 1, 9, 10, 11, 5, 4
Lectures	18	0.72	2, 6, 7, 8, 5, 4
Seminar	18	0.72	2, 7, 8, 3, 1, 9, 11, 5, 4
Type: Autonomous			
Required readings	54.5	2.18	10
Written assignment	54.5	2.18	6, 3, 1, 10, 4

Assessment

Evaluation assignments:

- The evaluation takes into consideration:

- A paper summary and its presentation (20%).
- Seminars participation activities (15%).
- Cultural analysis exercise (10%).
- A final academic essay of the course and its presentation (30%).
- Multiple-choice exam (25%)

Evaluation criteria:

- Essays out of time will not be accepted and the student will get a fail mark (0), without possibility of late assignment. Only excuses based on illness or similar reasons may be accepted under proper justification.

- Plagiarism in essays will result in a fail mark (0) and the student will lose the right of a new assessment. In case of relapse, the student will obtain a fail mark for the whole course (0) and will lose the right of a new assessment.

- It's necessary to obtain a final mean grade of 5 in order to pass the course.

- A minimum of 80% attendance to lectures and seminars is required to be assessed (only absences due to illness or similar reasons are accepted).

- Classes start on time. Late arrival is not admitted. Also, leaving the class before its end without proper justification is not permitted.

Single assessment system

It will consist of two exams:

1st) 4 questions on the mandatory reading of the course

2nd) Exercise to show the skills to do a comparative criminology analysis.

Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Academic essay	30%	0	0	2, 6, 7, 8, 3, 1, 9, 10, 5, 4
Article summary and presentation	20%	0	0	3, 1, 9, 10, 5, 4
Cultural analysis exercise	10%	0	0	6, 8, 3, 1, 10, 4
Multiple-choice exam	25%	0	0	2, 7, 8, 5, 4
Seminars participation activities	15%	0	0	2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 5, 4

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Software

The course does not require specific software.