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# LAWGEM

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**Syllabus Form**

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<b>Program: Master Academic Studies – Law and Gender</b>
<b>Course title: Gender Competent Criminology</b>
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<b>Course status:</b> Optional
<b>Number of ECTS:</b> 3
<b>Requirements:</b> Bachelor Degree or equivalent
<p><b>Aims of the course:</b> The main aim of this course is to deep analyze gender as a critical point (sometimes ‘the’ critical point) from a Criminological point of view in order to be able to make difference between who is taking part in the perpetration of the crime and who is not, and also the response given by judicial institutions. The framework for this analysis has to be the evolution of the inclusion of gender perspective in Criminology: moving from a monolithic reality to an intersectional approach (including gender, race, condition, ethnicity and sexuality), focusing on gender differences and postmodern theories (which include, for instance, discourse analysis, queer theories and reflections on sexed body).</p> <p>Special emphasis will be placed on gender differences in commission of certain criminal offences and on the question whether men and women have different ways to get to crime (including violent crime and the potential link between early victimization and criminality risk and further victimizations). Furthermore, attention will be also paid to gender differences in respect to criminal victimization. The aim of the course is to analyze in details the way criminal courts perceive gender role in crime commission, the factors related to penal sanctions imposition (legal vs. extra-legal) and possible differences in imposing penal sanctions for the same crimes.</p>
<p><b>Course result:</b></p> <p>Students achieve the capacity to make gender sensitive criminological analysis, which could highlight the gender role dimension in criminality as well as in victimization. Furthermore, they will research the way these criminal behaviors are considered by judicial institutions. These skills will qualify them not just to make preventive proposals with an inclusive perspective (capable of addressing and erasing any kind of gender differences found) but also to promote changes in the gender-blind approach of the current criminal policies (security management, crime visibility, development and enforcement of criminal law, punishments, etc.)</p>
<p><b>Course content:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Introduction</li> </ol>

- 1.1. Female crime explanation in criminological positivism
- 1.2. Gender-oriented theories vs. classical or gender neutral theories
- 1.3. Contribution of feminist methodologies in understanding issues about women and crime
  
2. Gender and Victimization
  - 2.1. Gender differences in the extent and trends of victimization (European perspective)
  - 2.2. Types of victimization
    - 2.2.1. : Gender differences in respect to individual crimes
    - 2.2.2. Gender differences in respect to organizational crimes
  
3. Gender and Crime
  - 3.1. Gender differences in the extent and trends of crime (European perspective)
  - 3.2. The intersection of Victimization and Offending
  - 3.3. Types of crimes
    - 3.3.1. Gender differences in respect to individual crimes
    - 3.3.2. Gender differences in respect to organizational crimes
  
4. Gender and Penal Sanctions
  - 4.1. Gender differences in penal policy (European perspective)
    - 4.1.1. Gender and penal policy for individual crimes
    - 4.1.2. Gender and penal policy for organizational crimes

**Literature:**

**Required reading:**

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**Additional reading:**

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#### **Instruction method:**

Primary interest is in active involving students in their own knowledge acquisition and in stimulating their critical thinking for better understanding the implementation of gender perspective in every legal branch, including this one.

Interactive lectures which encompass introductory presentation by the lecturer and student participation. The students are required to prepare for the lectures and participate in the discussion; students are required to prepare oral presentations with 15 minutes duration on a given topic; contact and individual consultations.

#### **Exams (maximum number of points 100)**

Students will have one oral or written exam. Pre-exam activities will be also taken into account: Seminar paper: 20 points; Active participation during lectures and practical classes: 40 points; Final exam: 40 points.

Each university will articulate exam instructions in accordance with his/her own system of exams' holding.

#### **Grading system for the course**

Grading system: A, B, C, D, E, F /10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5 (failed)