

Migrations and the Criminal Justice System (21089)

Degree course: Criminology and Public Prevention Policies

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Syllabus

Spain has gone from being a country of emigration to one which receives immigrants in a very short period of time. This has not only had an impact at a social level but also at legal level, which has contributed to the recent changes in the laws on matters of immigration and criminal justice. The main aim of this course is to enable students to undertake in-depth analyses from the criminological point of view of the link between immigration and crime and the relationships established between the criminal justice system and citizens who are foreign nationals. This first requires knowledge of the social phenomenon of immigration and the construction of exclusion mechanisms, as well as the evolution of the legal treatment of immigration at both European and Spanish level. Secondly, the link between crime and immigration is thoroughly analysed, with special attention being paid to the attitudes and responses of the police, legal and prison systems towards immigrants. Thirdly, the situation of immigrants as victims and the response of the criminal justice system in such cases is analysed, and finally, a special section is devoted to studying the position of women in a multicultural society.

Topic 1. Immigration, foreign nationals and minorities

Topic 2. Identity construction and diversity. Social exclusion mechanisms

Topic 3. Legal treatment of 'aliens': European and Spanish regulations

Topic 4. 'Irregular' immigration: administrative expulsion and internment centres for foreign nationals

Topic 5. Immigration, crime and the criminal justice system

Topic 6. Immigration and the police system

Topic 7. Immigration and the legal system

Topic 8. Immigration and the prison system

Topic 9. Immigration and victimization

Topic 10. Gender and multiculturalism