

The system of sentences and penalties (21086)

Degree course: Criminology and Public Prevention Policies

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Syllabus

"The system of sentences and penalties" introduces students to the sentences imposed on individuals who have committed criminal acts. The best-known sentence is imprisonment, but all societies have many other punishments besides.

The course analyses the assumptions for the application of a sentence, the different types of sentences and the legal principles which guide their application. Where community sentences are concerned, it also studies in detail what happens once a judgment has been issued, that is, how the sentence is implemented, the actors that intervene, the procedure that is followed, and judicial review. Finally, attention is paid to the collateral penalties which remain once the sentence has been completed.

The course aims to provide students with knowledge of the functioning and application of the system of sentences and penalties in Spain from a legal and criminological perspective and with an understanding of the work that can be done by criminologists within the criminal justice system.

Topic 1. ASSUMPTIONS FOR APPLYING A SENTENCE AND/OR PENALTY

Topic 2. THE SYSTEM OF SENTENCES AND PENALTIES IN SPAIN

Topic 3. COMMUNITY SENTENCES: THEIR IMPLEMENTATION

Topic 4. COLLATERAL PENALTIES

Topic 5. COMPARISON OF THE SYSTEM OF SENTENCES