

COURSE: CRIME PREVENTION AND SOCIAL REINTEGRATION OF EX-PRISONERS

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I. The course's subject: The course focuses on the one hand, on crime prevention and on the other hand, on social reintegration of ex-prisoners, which actually refers to the prevention of recidivism and the development of a criminal career. Regarding the first pillar of the course which concerns crime prevention, it includes the conceptual approach of prevention with a special focus on its various types and categories as well as the necessary clarification of the concepts in order to avoid the usual misapprehension of apparently relevant concepts (such as prognosis, prediction, perception etc.).

More specifically, the various forms of prevention are being analyzed, starting with the distinction between penal and social prevention. Furthermore, the general and special (penal) prevention as well as the general and situational (social) prevention are being analyzed along with their specific forms (private, community, technical etc.).

In the frame of the approach of the aforementioned forms of prevention, the type and form of crime (family violence, sex offenses, thefts/burglaries, robberies, drugs, economic crimes) are taken into consideration while the role of the local community, the Police, the criminal justice system and the unofficial and official social control of crime, in general, is highlighted.

The second pillar of the course refers to the social reintegration. More specifically, it includes the important issues of the prevention of recidivism and the social reintegration of ex-prisoners and offenders in general. In this context, the reference to the epistemological prerequisites and the conceptual definition of social exclusion, marginalization and social reintegration are required. Furthermore, reference should be made to the various aspects of the "social barriers" and exclusions as well as to the related concepts and practices of the social deprivation and characterization of individuals and populations as dangerous. Respectively, the protective and risk factors for criminal behavior are analyzed based on the international and Greek research knowledge and experience as well as the theoretical approaches regarding "criminal careers" and the identified methodological obstacles.

Regarding prevention and social reintegration, special emphasis will be given to juvenile offenders.

II. Educational tools:

- Presentations by the educators
- Presentation of essays by the students
- Invitations to special experts on crime prevention and social reintegration issues
- Educational visits
- Participation to scientific events regarding the subject of the course
- Collaboration with the Laboratory of Urban Criminology of Panteion University [APXIKH \(panteion.gr\)](http://APXIKH.panteion.gr)

III. Assessment

Participation in the education processes, submission of an essay ¹ and oral test.

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¹ The publication of the essays is not allowed unless the prerequisites foreseen by the Regulation of the Programme of Postgraduate Studies (MA) "CRIMINOLOGY" are fulfilled. See Annex 2: [Κανονισμός ΠΜΣ ΕΓΚΛΗΜΑΤΟΛΟΓΙΑ 2018-19.pdf \(panteion.gr\)](#)

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