

The University of Justice (Akademia Wymiaru Sprawiedliwości), originally known as the Higher School of Criminology and Penitentiary Science in Warsaw (WSKiP), was created on 31 August 2018 by the Minister of Justice, by the Regulation of 20 July 2018 (OJ 2018, item 1461).

The decision to change the name from the WSKiP to the SWWS (2021) and then to AWS (2023) was based on the need to adapt the name of the university to an extended range of its activities, taking into account, in addition to training of prison service officers, training of future staff of judicial authorities and other public security services.

The University's primary purpose, as an organizational unit of the Prison Service, is to **educate officers and employees of the Prison Service and civilians**. The most important task of the University is to improve the Prison Service at each level of education, composed of social sciences, security sciences, legal sciences, sociological sciences, pedagogy and psychology.

The University merges both practical and scientific elements of **the social rehabilitation and readaptation process**. Our University prides itself on searching for new theoretical methods of work based on the latest achievements of social sciences and humanities.

From 2023, the University of Justice provides theoretical education for candidates for probation officers. As part of this task, we have signed an agreement and have significant cooperation with the National Council of Probation Officers an organization that represents all probation officers in Poland and provides legal services to the Ministry of Justice.

The main goal of the University of Justice is **to prepare staff for the prison system, and to train staff** - both candidates for officers and managers. In addition to educating officers of the Prison Service, it is also important to **educate the future staff of the judicial authority and other services** to perform tasks in the field of public safety.

We are the only university subordinate to the Ministry of Justice. In accordance with regulations, we also carry out tasks commissioned by the Minister.

The University of Justice also implements numerous projects financed by the Justice Fund and the Norwegian Financial Mechanism.

#### **EDUCATIONAL OFFER:**

1. Bachelor's degree in Penitentiary - for officers of the Prison Service in the candidate service; full-time;
2. Bachelor's degree in Penitentiary; part-time;
3. Bachelor's degree in Internal Security for officers of the Prison Service; full – time;
4. Master's degree in Law; full-time;
5. PhD degree in Pedagogy and Security Sciences

The University has a Publishing House that provides substantial, organizational, and technical support for both the research and teaching staff, along with researchers from domestic and foreign academic centers in the field of publishing and promoting scientific studies.

#### **Cooperation with National Council of Curators:**

A cooperation agreement has been signed between University of Justice and National Council of Curators: the aim of which is to cooperate in the field of specific tasks related to the optimization and effectiveness of the organization and the manner of conducting the curatorial training.

As part of the implementation of the Agreement, the scope of joint activities of the Parties includes in particular:

- Mutual exchange of specialized written materials in the field of scientific and didactic-methodological literature as part of mutual scientific and didactic assistance;
- Mutual exchange of specialized information, observations, and experiences within organized curatorial applications;
- Participation in seminars, conferences, and scientific meetings organized by the Parties dedicated to the subject of curatorial applications.;
- cooperation in the field of the possibility of implementing joint projects.

The team responsible for organizing and conducting curatorial applications at the University of Justice, in collaboration with the National Council of Curator, developed a draft program for theoretical curatorial training. After incorporating the Minister of Justice's binding remarks, this program, now finalized as the curatorial application program, was submitted to the Presidents of the Court of Appeals.

### **Training of probation trainees:**

Based on Article 75(2) of the Law of July 27, 2001, on Court Curators, the responsibility for conducting curatorial training was entrusted to the University of Justice. The University of Justice is the first institution in Poland to provide comprehensive education for curatorial candidates in theoretical studies, both through on-site courses and through distance learning methods. The framework program for the curatorial application envisages conducting classes on 13 subjects, totaling 380 hours. This includes a 40-hour on-site session and 340 hours through an e-learning platform.

For the first time, the University of Justice offers curatorial candidates the opportunity to study theoretical aspects by participating in classes conducted by an experienced teaching staff. This faculty possesses specialized knowledge in various fields of law, as well as psychology, pedagogy, and curatorial methodology and practice.

Additionally, within the Academic Educational Platform of the University of Justice, a dedicated area has been allocated exclusively for the trainees. This section has been graphically designed to resonate with judicial themes, ensuring a high level of visual appeal for the shared content. The materials dedicated to the theoretical part of the curatorial application are based on a rich set of tools provided by the Moodle teaching system, supplemented by available computer software. These prepared materials include various activating exercises, such as true-false tasks or multiple-choice questions. After each thematic unit of theoretical classes, the curatorial candidate will have the opportunity to verify the acquired knowledge through designed knowledge tests. The curatorial candidate will be able to navigate

through the area with materials freely and repeatedly access the prepared content, enhancing their level of competence. An additional element of the theoretical part of the application will be lecture recordings available for the candidate to play back at any time.