Study program: Special education and rehabilitation sciences

Type and level of studies: Doctoral Academic Studies

**Title of the subject:** Research of prevention and treatment of delinquent and criminal behavior **Lecturer:** Zoran P. Ilić, Vesna P. Žunić-Pavlović, Goran S. Jovanić

Course status: Elective

**ECTS:** 20

## Prerequisites: None

Aim:

Introduction to the basic theoretical-conceptual and methodological approaches to the study of prevention and treatment of delinquent and criminal behavior; Training for critical analysis and evaluation of historical-developmental trends and contemporarily perspectives in the field of prevention and treatment; understanding similarities and differences between traditional and innovative prevention and treatment models; Considering the opportunities and pitfalls of scientific foundation of the field of prevention and treatment. Mastering the knowledge and skills necessary for independent scientific research.

## **Outcomes:**

Upon competion of this course the students will: (a) gain knowledge of basic theoretical concepts of prevention and treatment of delinquent and criminal behavior; (b) understand the role of etiological theories and research findings for informing appropriate social and criminal policies and practices; become familiar with different approaches to the study of the effectiveness of the prevention and treatment programs; master the methodology of scientific foundation of prevention and treatment practices; and Become able to critically analyze, plan and implement research in the field of prevention and treatment of behavioral disorders.

## **Contents:**

# Lecturing

1) Prevention and treatment of delinquent behavior: terminology and definitions, etiological theories, epidemiological research, history of social reaction, effective approaches in prevention and treatment of delinquent behavior; assessment of risk, treatment needs, and relapse, evaluation of prevention and treatment programs.

2) Prevention and treatment of criminal behavior: terminology and definitions, etiological theories, epidemiological research, history of social reaction, effective approaches to prevention and treatment of criminal behavior; the effectiveness of criminal sanctions, the assessment of the risk of relapse and the need for treatment, the evaluation of the prevention and treatment program.

# Practical instructions

Development and writing a research draft in the area of prevention or treatment of delinquent or criminal behavior.

## Literature:

- 1. Heilbrun, K., Goldstein, N. E. S., Redding, R. E. (2005). Juvenile delinquency: prevention, assessmentand intervention. New York: Oxford University Press. ISBN 978-0-19-516007-9
- Loeber, R., Slot, N. W., Van der Laan, P. H., Hoeve, M. (2008). Tomorrow's criminals: the development of child delinquency and effective interventions. Burlington: Ashgate Publishing Group. ISBN 978-0-7546-7151-0

- MacKenzie, D. L. (2006). What works in corrections: reducing the criminal activities of offenders and delinquents. New York: Cambridge University Press. ISBN 978-0-521-00120-5
- 4. McGuire, J. (2002). Offender rehabilitation and treatment: effective programs and policies. Chichester: John Wiley & Sons Ltd. ISBN 0-471-89967-4
- 5. Sherman, L. W., Farrington, D. P., Welsh, B. C., MacKenzie, D. L. (2002). Evidence-based crime prevention. New York: Reutledge.

### Number of active classes per week

Lectures: 3 Research work: 10

#### Teaching methods:

Lectures, consultations, discussions, seminars, mentoring, supervised and independent research work

#### **Evaluation of knowledge (maximum score 100)**

Pre obligations	Points	Final exam	Points
Research project 20		Written exam	
Seminars 30		Oral exam	50