

Abstract

This bachelor's thesis, entitled *Methods of social work with persons serving a prison sentence*, aims to find out whether convicts use the help of a social worker and to what extent their intervention helps them in preparing for release from serving a prison sentence and after the release period.

The work is divided into two parts – theoretical and empirical. The theoretical part consists of six chapters that deal with the concept of punishment, the history of punishment, the execution of a prison sentence, its course, the typology of imprisoned persons, social work, social workers and, last but not least, spiritual care. The empirical part is processed in the form of a research investigation, it contains the methodology of the research investigation, goals and research questions, the research sample and all of this is evaluated based on the analysis of interviews with social workers working in the penitentiary environment.