

ANNEX 2 – COURSE DESCRIPTION

Course title	Philosophy of Law			
Course code	LAW-120			
Course type	Elective			
Level	Undergraduate			
Year / Semester	1 st /A			
Teacher's name	Markella Grigoriou			
ECTS	6	Lectures / week	3 hours /week	Laboratories / week
Course purpose and objectives	<p>What is law? Does it differ from ethical and political philosophy, and if so, how? The philosophy of law constitutes a branch of practical philosophy and deals with elucidating the relationship between the philosophy of law, ethics, and political philosophy with the general principles and application of law. Students will have the opportunity to examine the relationships between the individual, society, and the state, law, ethics, and politics, as well as to delve sufficiently into the two major schools of thought in the Philosophy of Law: Natural Law and Legal Positivism.</p> <p>An overview of the concepts of justice and law is provided from ancient years to modernity, and contemporary philosophers of law are examined, primarily those of Anglo-Saxon and American law.</p> <p>The aim of the course is for students to engage with a philosophical approach to the aspects of law and to understand that the philosophy of law and its philosophical interpretations and analyses hold a significant place in the legal science and practice they are going to exercise. Finally, students become familiar with relationships such as law and ethics, law and obedience, as well as more specialized topics such as the philosophy of punishment, the issue of just war, and the death penalty.</p>			
Learning outcomes	<p>After successfully completing the course, students are expected to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understand the fundamental concepts of ethical and political philosophy and how they intertwine with the concepts of law (CLO1). 			

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Approach law from a philosophical perspective by analysing its philosophical foundations (CLO2). 3. Recognize and comprehend the ethical and political implications underlying legal issues (CLO3). 4. Develop an interpretive stance towards legal controversies (CLO4). 5. Construct philosophical arguments regarding legal practice, highlighting the practical nature of the philosophy of law and its influence on legal practice and science (CLO5). 6. Understand the historical and contemporary philosophical debates in the philosophy of law (CLO6). 		
Prerequisites	Not applicable	Required	Not applicable
Course content	<p>Lesson 1: Introduction to the Philosophy of Law and Definition of Law</p> <p>Lesson 2: Duality and Mechanisms of Law: What does it mean to be right or wrong?</p> <p>Lesson 3: Concepts of Justice and Law from ancient years to modernity</p> <p>Lesson 4: Natural Law Theory: Aristotle and Aquinas</p> <p>Lesson 5: Legal Positivism: Kelsen and Hart</p> <p>Lesson 6: American Legal Realism and Pound's Sociology of Law</p> <p>Lesson 7: Justice in John Rawls and Equality in Ronald Dworkin</p> <p>Lesson 8: Law and Ethics: Analysis of Ethical Dilemmas and Moral Obligations in Law</p> <p>Lesson 9: Law and Politics: Analysis of the Relationships between Law, Politics, and Society</p> <p>Lesson 10:</p>		

	<p>Justice and Punishment</p> <p>Lesson 11 (Experiential Workshop):</p> <p>Analysis, Processing, and Counter-Argumentation on Specialized Topics: The Philosophy of Punishment, Obligation to Obedience to Law, Will and Reason.</p> <p>Lesson 12 (Experiential Workshop):</p> <p>Application of Philosophical Principles of Law to Practical Examples and Case Studies. Creating Arguments and Philosophical Analysis (Case of the Death Penalty and Just War).</p>
Teaching methodology	Presentations, individual and group assignments, quizzes, case studies, discussions
Bibliography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Dworkin, Ronald. Taking Rights Seriously. Harvard University Press, 1978. •Hart, H.L.A. The Concept of Law, 3rd edition. Oxford University Press, 2012 •Joel Feinberg, Philosophy of Law, 9th edition, Cengage Learning, 2013 •Rawls, John, Θεωρία της δικαιοσύνης, (μετάφραση Φίλιππος Βασιλόγιαννης, Βασίλης Βουτσάκης, Φιλήμων Παιονίδης, κ.ά.), επιμέλεια Ανδρέας Τάκης, Αθήνα: Πόλις, 2001 •Sandel, Michael J. Justice: A Reader. Oxford University Press, 2007. •Καρεκλάς Ιάκωβος: Φιλοσοφία του Δικαίου, Αρχαιοελληνική και Νεωτέρα, Νομική Βιβλιοθήκη, Αθήνα, 2012 •Σταμέλος Χαράλαμπος., Φιλοσοφία του Δικαίου, Νομική Βιβλιοθήκη, 2020
Assessment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assignment 20 % 2. Class participation and workshop attendance 20 % 3. Final Exam 60 %
Language	Greek