

APPENDIX 2 – COURSE DESCRIPTION

<b>Course title</b>	<b>Criminal Law I</b>			
<b>Lesson Code</b>	<b>LAW-212</b>			
<b>Course type</b>	<b>Compulsory</b>			
<b>Level</b>	<b>Undergraduate</b>			
<b>Year / Semester</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> /C			
<b>Teacher 's name</b>	Petros Konstantinidis			
<b>ECTS</b>	6	<b>Lectures / week</b>	3 hours per week	<b>Workshops / weeks</b>
<b>Purpose and objectives of the lesson</b>	<p>The purpose of the course is for students to understand the basic principles and concepts of criminal law as they apply in the Cypriot legal order. Also, the aim is for students to perceive and understand the way in which the rules of criminal law are applied in the Cypriot legal system, which determine the way in which criminal power should be exercised in a well-ordered state. At the end of the course, the students should have familiarized themselves with the sources, the terminology and the purpose of the Criminal Law, which they should apply in due course to the practical applications at the end of the course. Through the practical engagement and developing critical thinking they shall be able to determine the type of punishment that should be imposed when an offense is committed, while considering all the factors that the relevant legislation and the relevant jurisprudence provide for.</p>			
<b>Learning results</b>	<p>Upon completion of the course and after the practical application of the legislation in combination with the jurisprudence of both the Supreme Court and the ECHR, students are expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand and become familiar with the fundamental principles of Criminal Law and be able to comprehend the objective and subjective aspects of a crime.</li> <li>• Distinguish the types and categories of crimes (time, place of commission) as well as the defenses that may be raised to challenge the accusation and the criminal liability of the act.</li> </ul>			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grasp the concept of attempt, participation in a crime, and the concurrence of multiple crimes simultaneously with the commission of one crime.</li> <li>• Analyze the penalties provided by substantive criminal law in relation to the commission of an offense and simultaneously develop the skill and judgment regarding the appropriate penalty to be imposed (mitigating circumstances) on the offender.</li> <li>• Study and personalize the appropriate penalties (community service, custodial order, etc.) that should be imposed according to the category of offenders (minors, socially disadvantaged individuals, elderly, etc.)</li> </ul>		
<b>Prerequisites</b>	None	<b>Plus required</b>	None
<b>Course content</b>	<p>During the teaching of the course, analysis and deepening will be done</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On the nature of the rules of criminal law and the purpose they serve with special emphasis on their social importance but also the role they serve in a well-ordered state.</li> <li>• In the fundamental principles of Criminal law with an emphasis on the principle "nullum crimen nulla poena sine praevia lege" which is also a permanent Constitutional fundamental principle of our legal system.</li> <li>• In the definitions of Criminal Law, and in the definition of the concept of crime. The forms and type of crime classification will be analyzed.</li> <li>• of the objective (Actus Reus) and the subjective state (Mens Rea) of the offense.</li> <li>• The concepts of fraudulence and negligence of a behavior which brings about a result.</li> <li>• the criminal responsibility of the offender in relation to the commission of the offence, but also the reasons which should be examined every time if any defense is presented by the offender which would remove the imputation.</li> <li>• The analysis of the concept of causation of a behavior (act or omission) with the results it brings about.</li> <li>• The concept of attempt, participation and also the concurrency of crimes either by one or more at the same or later time from the commission of the crime.</li> <li>• But also, critical analysis of decisions of the Supreme Court, the European Court, and the courts of Community law in order to fully understand the legislation with its application through jurisprudence.</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The punishment provided by the legislation as well as in the special laws which aim to punish offenders on the one hand but also to impose the appropriate punishment under the circumstances.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Teaching methodology</b></p>	<p>Lectures with the help of slides and encouraging active participation and dialogue.</p> <p>Analysis of court decisions-case law (e.g Supreme Court, Court of Appeal, ECHR and Common law courts).</p> <p>Studies and application through practical examples and cases with the simultaneous application of legislation.</p>
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<b>Evaluation</b>	<p>Assignment: 35%</p> <p>Participation: 15%</p> <p>Final Exam: 50%</p>
<b>Language</b>	<p>Greek</p>