

## ANNEX 2 – COURSE DESCRIPTION

<b>Course title</b>	<b>Internet Law</b>			
<b>Course code</b>	<b>LAW-230</b>			
<b>Course type</b>	<b>Elective</b>			
<b>Level</b>	<b>Undergraduate</b>			
<b>Year / Semester</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> /C			
<b>Teacher's name</b>	Christina Georgiou			
<b>ECTS</b>	6	<b>Lectures / week</b>	3 hours per week	<b>Laboratories / week</b>
<b>Course purpose and objectives</b>	<p>The main objectives of the course are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The presentation and analysis of the digital environment of the internet as a unique form of "legal order".</li> <li>• To explain the legal framework of both Cyprus and Greece as well as EU law in relation to various legal transactions that take place through the internet. This will include references to the legal framework governing electronic transactions, consumer protection issues, freedom of expression on social media, combined with issues of intellectual property protection.</li> <li>• The acquisition of knowledge about issues concerning personal data and the privacy of telecommunications, offenses committed through the internet.</li> <li>• The understanding of contemporary digital issues such as Blockchain law and cryptocurrencies.</li> <li>• To understand how "traditional" law is developed and applied on the internet.</li> </ul>			
<b>Learning outcomes</b>	<p>Upon completing the course, students are expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Know and understand basic concepts and characteristics of how the internet operates.</li> <li>• Comprehend the digital capabilities and challenges of the internet as well as the necessity for its legal regulation.</li> <li>• Recognize the peculiarities of the internet and the issues that arise for its legal regulation.</li> </ul>			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify and apply relevant legislation concerning electronic transactions, protection of personal data and privacy of communications, intellectual property rights, consumer protection, etc.</li> <li>• Understand how fundamental rights are affected and influence the digital realm.</li> <li>• Develop the ability to locate and analyse relevant case law from the Court of Justice of the European Union, the European Court of Human Rights, and the courts in Cyprus and Greece.</li> <li>• Be in a position to provide legal advice on internet-related matters.</li> </ul>		
<b>Prerequisites</b>	None	<b>Required</b>	None
<b>Course content</b>	<p>Introduction to the Internet. Concepts and basic characteristics. The relationship between the internet and law, problematic and sociological aspects.</p> <p>Intellectual property and the internet. Rights of creators and intellectual property providers. The use of creations on the internet and the management of digital rights.</p> <p>E-commerce and electronic transactions. European legislation. Consumer protection issues.</p> <p>Protection of personal data on the internet. The European Regulation. Definitions and basic principles. Scope of application. The right to be forgotten.</p> <p>The privacy of electronic communications. The legal framework in Cyprus and Greece, case law of the European Court of Human Rights. Conditions for lifting the confidentiality of communications.</p> <p>Internet crimes: Cybercrime and the Budapest Convention.</p> <p>Fundamental rights on the internet: Freedom of expression and privacy. The phenomenon of hate speech. Case law of the European Court of Human Rights.</p> <p>Legal aspects of contemporary digital phenomena: The law of Blockchain and cryptocurrencies.</p>		
<b>Teaching methodology</b>	<p>Lectures with the aid of slides and encourage active participation and dialogue, assignments, and presentations.</p> <p>Presentation of court decisions. Analysis of relevant decisions from Cypriot and Greek courts, the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR), and the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU).</p> <p>Case studies/examples: Solving practical problems.</p>		

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<b>Assessment</b>	<p>Assignment/Presentation: 30%</p> <p>Participation: 20%</p> <p>Final Examination: 50%</p>
<b>Language</b>	<p>Greek</p>