

ANNEX 2 – COURSE DESCRIPTION

Course title	Law of Torts I			
Course code	LAW-245			
Course type	Compulsory			
Level	Undergraduate			
Year / Semester	2 nd /D			
Teacher's name	Kriton Dionysiou			
ECTS	6	Lectures / week	3 hour per week	Laboratories / week
Course purpose and objectives	<p>The main objectives of the course are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The purpose of the course is to lay the foundations for understanding of the nature and rules of Tort Law and to introduce them to the basic concepts and principles of Tort Law as applicable in Cyprus. • The examination of the legal framework of Tort Law, including the principles of common law and relevant jurisprudence. • The differentiation between civil offenses and criminal offenses, as well as the consequences arising from the commission of a tort compared to the commission of a criminal offense. • The examination of the principles regarding the determination of liability, as well as the consequences of committing a tort. • Familiarization of students with the tort of negligence and its constituent elements, as well as the specific instances of negligence. 			
Learning outcomes	<p>Upon completion of the course students are expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify the basic concepts and principles of Tort Law. • Acquire knowledge of the sources of Tort Law. • Analyze the concept and nature of liability, as well as the remedies and treatments that may be granted within the framework of Tort Law. • Recognize the constituent elements of the tort of negligence and the general principles related to the duty of care, breach of duty, causation and remoteness. • Apply the above in resolving practical legal issues. 			

Prerequisites	None	Required	None
Course content	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. INTRODUCTION TO LAW OF TORTS: The concept of Torts- Object of Tort Law - Classification and sources of Tort Law - Cypriot Tort Law and English Common Law - The relationship of Tort Law with other branches of law - Distinction between civil and criminal offenses. 2. NEGLIGENCE: Historical - Jurisprudential evolution - Elements of the tort - Omissions - Basic Principles of Liability - Duty of care - Breach of duty of care - Burden of Proof - Causation - Remedies - Contributory Negligence. 3. PROFESSIONAL NEGLIGENCE: Medical negligence - Lawyer's negligence. 4. EMPLOYER' S LIABILITY FOR NEGLIGENCE: Duty of care of the employer towards the employees. 5. OCCUPIERS LIABILITY: Duty of care and its scope – Trespassers. 6. RES IPSA LOQUITUR: Content and application. 7. DEFENCES. 8. SPECIFIC PROBLEMS - ECONOMIC LOSS: Distinction between actual damage and Economic Loss - Recovery of economic damages. 9. SPECIFIC PROBLEMS - NERVOUS SHOCK: Definition - Award of Damages. 10. DAMAGES: Basic purpose of damages in Tort Law – Categories of damages. 		
Teaching methodology	Lectures accompanied by slides, during which discussions will take place with student participation regarding the issues covered in the course and the resolution of relevant practical problems and case law analysis.		
Bibliography	<p>In Greek</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Π. Πολυβίου, Αστικά Αδικήματα στο Κυπριακό Δίκαιο, 2 Τόμοι, ΝΟΜΙΚΗ ΒΙΒΛΙΟΘΗΚΗ, 2020. 2. Π. Αρτέμη & Γ. Ερωτοκρίτου, ΚΕΦ.148. Αστικά Αδικήματα Δίκαιο και Αποφάσεις, 2 Τόμοι, Λευκωσία, 2003. 3. Σωτήρη Αθ. Λιασίδη, ΑΣΤΙΚΑ ΑΔΙΚΗΜΑΤΑ (Νομικές Αρχές – Σύνοψη Νομολογίας Ανωτάτου Δικαστηρίου 2000-2021), Λευκωσία, 2022. 4. Philippe Jougleux, Στοιχεία Κυπριακού Ενοχικού Δικαίου Αστικά αδικήματα, Δίκαιο των συμβάσεων, 2η έκδοση, Εκδόσεις Σάκκουλα, 2020. 		

	<p>In English</p> <p>5. Rachael Mulheron, Principles of Tort Law , 2th ed., 2020.</p> <p>6. Kirsty Horsey, Erika Rackley, Tort Law 8th ed, Oxford University Press, 2023.</p>
Assessment	<p>Assignment 30%</p> <p>Participation 20%</p> <p>Final exams 50%</p>
Language	<p>Greek.</p>

