

ANNEX 2 – COURSE DESCRIPTION

Course title	Law of Free Competition			
Course code	LAW-252			
Course type	Elective			
Level	Undergraduate			
Year / Semester	2 nd /D			
Teacher's name	Elpis Amoiridou			
ECTS	6	Lectures / week	3 hours per week	Laboratories / week
Course purpose and objectives	<p>The aim of the course is for students to understand the basic principles and rules governing competition law, with an emphasis on EU law. Additionally, the purpose of the course is for students to be able to explain the purpose and main objectives of competition law within the institutional framework of the EU's free market. Through the course, there will be an explanation of fundamental concepts of competition law such as monopoly, dominant position, state aids, agreements, public services, etc. Furthermore, the goal is to present the relevant case law of the CJEU and to develop students' ability for critical analysis.</p> <p>Additionally, there will be a presentation on the application of EU competition law within the legal systems of Cyprus and Greece. Finally, the goal is for students to develop the ability to apply competition rules to real-facts cases.</p>			
Learning outcomes	<p>Upon completing the course, students are expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the basic principles and objectives of competition law. • Be able to explain and identify basic concepts and phenomena of competition. • Know and apply European legislation in the field of competition. • Analyse and explain the case law of the CJEU on competition issues. • Describe the institutional procedures that regulate competition issues. • Understand the influence of EU law on the Cypriot and Greek legal systems in the field of competition. • Develop a critical approach to contemporary issues of competition law. • Identify cases of competition law violations and acquire the ability to apply competition rules to real-facts cases. 			

Prerequisites	None	Required	None
Course content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to EU competition law, basic principles, objectives. • Monopolies, duopolies, oligopolies, dominant position, abuse of dominant position. • Predatory pricing, essential facilities, dumping. • Horizontal agreements, cartels, leniency. Vertical agreements, resale price maintenance. • Mergers, acquisitions. • Exceptions to competition law and regulated markets. • State aids. • Public enforcement, liberalization, bid rigging. • Judicial protection of competition. Criminal and civil measures. • National Competition Authorities. International issues in competition law. 		
Teaching methodology	<p>Lectures with the aid of Powerpoint, encouraging active participation and dialogue, assignments, and presentations.</p> <p>Presentation and analysis of case-law and of other bodies.</p> <p>Case studies/examples. Solving practical problems.</p>		
Bibliography	<p>Ch. Stamellos, European Competition Law with Application in Greece and Cyprus (Nomiki Bibliothiki 2020).</p> <p>G. Karidis, EU Competition Law & Internal Market (Nomiki Bibliothiki 2020).</p> <p>G. Triantafyllakis, Law of Free Competition, 4th ed. (Nomiki Bibliothiki 2019).</p> <p>L. Kotsiris, Competition Law, 7th ed. (Sakkoulas 2015).</p> <p>L. Athanasiou/G. Dellis et al., Law of Free Competition, 2 volumes, 2nd ed. (Nomiki Bibliothiki 2020).</p> <p>B. Sufrin/N. Dunne/A. Jones, EU Competition Law, 8th ed. (OUP 2023)</p> <p>E. M. Fox/ W. J. Derenberg, EU Competition Law 2nd ed. (Edward Elgar 2023).</p> <p>A. Fercic, European Union Competition Law (Europa Law Publishing 2023)</p> <p>A. Ezrachi, EU Competition Law: An Analytical Guide to the Leading Cases 7th ed. (Hart Publishing 2021).</p>		

Assessment	Midterm exam: 30% Participation/Case study and presentation: 20% Final exam: 50%
Language	Greek

