ANNEX 2 – COURSE DESCRIPTION

Course title	**Personal Data Protection**
Course code	**LAW-320**
Course type	**Elective**
Level	**Undergraduate**
Year / Semester	3rd/E
Teacher's name	Kriton Dionysiou

ECTS	6	**Lectures / week**	3 hours per week	**Laboratories / week**	

Course purpose and objectives	The course deals with the issue of personal data protection, its purposes, and its theoretical foundations. The purpose of the course is to present and understand the basic principles governing the law of personal data protection, focusing on the General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016, as it stands today. Additionally, the aim is to examine how the above regulation is implemented in Greek and Cypriot legal orders. Finally, the goal is to present contemporary issues in the field of personal data and to critically analyse the relevant case law, especially that of the European Court of Justice.
Learning outcomes	Upon completion of the course, students are expected to: • Understand the theoretical foundations and purposes of personal data protection. • Know and understand the basic principles and objectives of the General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679). • Recognize the rights arising from Regulation (EU) 2016/679 and be able to analyse them. • Identify the subject of personal data and distinguish between the data controller and the processor. • Apply the principles derived from Regulation (EU) 2016/679, particularly the principle of proportionality. • Identify the existence of new rights and obligations arising from Regulation (EU) 2016/679, such as the right to be forgotten. • Apply the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 to real-life scenarios.

	• Develop critical interpretation skills of the rights of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 and when they conflict or are restricted for the protection of other fundamental rights. • Identify relevant case law on personal data protection issues and be able to analyse it. • Understand the institutional framework applicable in Greece and Cyprus. • Provide legal advice on personal data issues and draft policies for personal data protection.

Prerequisites	None	**Required**	None

Course content	• Introduction. The foundations of personal data protection, historical and constitutional origins. • Basic concepts and principles. Characteristics of personal data law. • Introduction to the General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679). • The scope of personal data law. Object and goals. • Principles governing the processing of personal data. • Rights of the data subject and limitations. • Data controller and processor. • Transfers of personal data to third countries or international organizations. • Independent supervisory authorities. • The institutional framework in Greece and Cyprus.
Teaching methodology	Lectures with the aid of slides and encouragement of active participation and dialogue, assignments, and presentations. Presentation and analysis of judicial decisions and other bodies. Case studies/examples. Practical problem-solving.
Bibliography	L. Kanellos, THE GDPR HANDBOOK, 2nd ed. (Nomiki Bibliothiki 2023). K. Christodoulou, Personal Data Law, 2nd ed. (Nomiki Bibliothiki 2020). Handbook on European data protection law - 2018 edition (2018) (https://book.coe.int/en/human-rights-and-democracy/7748-pdf-handbook-on-european-data-protection-law-2018-edition.html).

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	L. Kotsalis/K. Menoudakos (eds), General Data Protection Regulation, 2nd ed. (Nomiki Bibliothiki, 2021).
	N. Tintzoglou, GDPR Implementation Guide (Nomiki Bibliothiki, 2020).
	E. Kosta/ I. Kamara (ed.), Research Handbook on EU Data Protection Law (Edward Elgar 2022).
Assessment	Assignment/Presentation: 30% Participation: 20% Final Examination: 50%
Language	Greek