

ANNEX 2 – COURSE DESCRIPTION

<b>Course title</b>	<b>Evidence Law I</b>			
<b>Course code</b>	<b>LAW-332</b>			
<b>Course type</b>	<b>Compulsory</b>			
<b>Level</b>	<b>Undergraduate</b>			
<b>Year / Semester</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> /Z			
<b>Teacher’s name</b>	Christos Stylianides			
<b>ECTS</b>	6	<b>Lectures / week</b>	3 hours per week	<b>Laboratories / week</b>
<b>Course purpose and objectives</b>	<p>The Law of Evidence constitutes a basic pillar of Cypriot Law, the knowledge of which is essential for every lawyer and jurist. Therefore, the course provides students with a comprehensive presentation of the general principles and concepts of the law of evidence, including the sources of this area of law. The primary objective of the course is therefore to introduce students to the basic concepts and principles of the law of evidence and how they are applied in practice during the hearing process. The course also aims to highlight the differences between civil and criminal proceedings in terms of the applicable rules of evidence. Finally, the course aims to address specific issues in the law of evidence such as hearsay, character testimony and testimony of similar facts.</p>			
<b>Learning outcomes</b>	<p>Upon completion of the course, students should be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Understand the historical development, nature and sources of the law of evidence.</li> </ol>			

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Explain the basic concepts and principles of the law of evidence.</li> <li>3. Analyse the burden of proof in civil and criminal proceedings</li> <li>4. Classify the various forms and types of evidence</li> <li>5. Explain the conditions for the admission of hearsay evidence at a hearing</li> <li>6. Explain the meaning of character testimony and testimony of similar events and be able to develop the conditions for their admissibility at the hearing</li> </ol>		
<b>Prerequisites</b>	None	<b>Required</b>	None
<b>Course content</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Introduction to the Law of Evidence</li> <li>2) Classifications and Types of Evidence</li> <li>3) Burden of Proof</li> <li>4) Proof without evidence</li> <li>5) Hearsay Evidence</li> <li>6) Character Testimony</li> <li>7) Similar facts evidence</li> </ol>		
<b>Teaching methodology</b>	Lectures with slides, practical examples and problems as well as group work.		
<b>Bibliography</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Eliades &amp; Santis, "The Law of Evidence: Procedural and Substantive Aspects", 2nd Edition, Hippasus Publications.</li> <li>2) Clerides, "Cyprus Law of Evidence", Nomiki Bibliothiki Publications (2018).</li> </ol>		

	<p>3) R. Munday, "Evidence", Oxford University Press, 11th Edition (2022).</p> <p>4) Evidence in criminal investigations, UK Home Office (2020)</p> <p>5) Phipson on Evidence, Common Law Library 20th ed (2023).</p> <p>6) The Evidence Act (Chapter 9)</p>
<b>Assessment</b>	<p>Participation 20%</p> <p>Assignment 30%</p> <p>Final Examination 50%</p>
<b>Language</b>	<p>Greek</p>

