

ANNEX 2 – COURSE DESCRIPTION

Course title	The Courts/Advocates Law & Legal Ethics			
Course code	LAW-336			
Course type	Compulsory			
Level	Undergraduate			
Year / Semester	3ed/F			
Teacher's name	Petros Konstantinidis			
ECTS	6	Lectures / week	3 hour per week	Laboratories / week
Course purpose and objectives	<p>The purpose of the course is for students to understand the way and structure of the justice system in Cyprus. Thus, there will be a presentation of the structure of the Cyprus Courts, the levels as well as their territorial and material jurisdiction. They will get to know the types of Courts and how they are constituted.</p> <p>Also, the course aims to introduce students to specific jurisdictions such as the procedure for referring a question before the Supreme Constitutional Court as well as the issue of referring a question to the CJEU. A systematic analysis will be made of the main features of the Courts Law (L. 14/60) as well as the Administration of Justice (Various Provisions) Law (L. 33/1964).</p> <p>Finally, the aim of the course is for the students to understand the role of the Lawyer and in general the context of practicing the legal profession. Will be examined the legal framework for the practicing advocate profession, as well as issues of legal ethics and professional liability. To this end, the provisions of the Advocates Law (Chap. 2) and the relevant Regulations will be examined. There will also be a presentation of the legal framework for the practicing advocate profession at a cross-border level within the EU Member States.</p>			
Learning outcomes	<p>Upon completion of the course, the student is expected to be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To understand the justice system in Cyprus. • To be able to understand the structure of the Cyprus Courts and their mode of operation. • To be able to identify issues of jurisdiction and powers of the Courts with critical thinking. 			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To analyse how the Cyprus Courts apply both common law and equity principles. • To be able to explain in analytical way how European law is implemented and influences in Cyprus Law. • Familiarize oneself with the different types of courts and develop the ability to discern the jurisdiction under which a legal issue fall. • To gain insight into the procedure of submitting a constitutional question to the Supreme Constitutional Court and the process of referring a question to the CJEU. • To acquire the ability to interpret and apply the Courts Law (L. 14/60) and the Administration of Justice (Various Provisions) Law (L. 33/1964). • To understand the role and position of the Lawyer in the justice system in Cyprus. • To know the rights and obligations of the lawyer in the exercise of his profession. • To be able to understand the rules of legal ethics. • To be able to detect cases of violation of ethics. • To explain the concept of professional negligence and develop the capacity to recognize instances of such cases. • To understand the framework of practicing the legal profession according to the law of the European Union. 		
Prerequisites	None	Required	None
Course content	<p>Historical review of Cyprus law.</p> <p>The role of common law and the principles of equity in Cyprus law.</p> <p>The system of organization of the Courts in Cyprus.</p> <p>The Supreme Constitutional Court.</p> <p>The Supreme Court.</p> <p>The Supreme Judicial Council.</p> <p>The Court of Appeal.</p> <p>The District and Special Courts.</p> <p>Jurisdiction issues.</p> <p>The theoretical background of the legal profession.</p>		

	<p>Registration requirements for trainee lawyer and for lawyer – Conflicts of interest issues.</p> <p>Legal Council, Cyprus Bar Association and Local Bar Associations.</p> <p>Ethics rules</p> <p>Disciplinary liability of lawyers</p> <p>Professional negligence.</p> <p>Contempt of court.</p> <p>European Advocates.</p>
Teaching methodology	<p>Lectures with the help of slides and encouraging active participation and dialogue, assignments and presentations.</p> <p>Analysis of relevant decisions of the Cyprus Courts, the ECtHR and the CJEU.</p> <p>Case studies/examples.</p>
Bibliography	<p>In Greek:</p> <p>Χ. Κληρίδης, Το Κυπριακό Νομικό Σύστημα (Νομική Βιβλιοθήκη, 2017).</p> <p>Χ. Κληρίδης, Δικηγορία στην Κύπρο Θεσμικό Πλαίσιο και Άσκηση Επαγγέλματος (Νομική Βιβλιοθήκη 2017).</p> <p>Α.Κ. Αμιλιανίδης, Επαγγελματικό Δίκαιο Δικηγόρων (Δικαιονομία 2006).</p> <p>Τ. Ηλιαδης, Δικηγορική Δεοντολογία (Παγκύπριος Δικηγορικός Σύλλογος 2007).</p> <p>In English:</p> <p>A. Boon, Lawyers' Ethics and Professional Responsibility (Oxford, Hart, 2015).</p> <p>Kim Economides (ed.), Ethical Challenges to Legal Education and Conduct, (Bloomsbury Publishing 1998).</p>
Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assignment 30%. • Participation 20%. • Final exam 50%.
Language	Greek