

ANNEX 2 – COURSE DESCRIPTION

Course title	General Criminal Law			
Course code	LAWG-213			
Course type	Compulsory			
Level	Undergraduate			
Year / Semester	2 nd /C			
Teacher's name	Dimitrios Kourtis			
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 concepts of criminal law, and the role it plays in a legal order. Furthermore, the purpose is for students to know and understand the concept of crime and its characteristics, such as the elements that constitute the actus reus and mens rea of a crime. It is also deemed necessary to explain and become familiar with the concepts of act and omission, the reasons for removing the wrongdoer and criminal charge as well as causation.</p> <p>Through the course, students will be able to understand the various forms of culpability as well as the concept and forms of participation in crime, the concept of attempt and its distinction from rescission, as well as cases of joinder of crime. At the same time, the goal is to understand the concept of punishment and how it is determined.</p> <p>Finally, the aim is for students to acquire critical thinking and the ability to solve practical problems related to criminal law.</p>			
Learning outcomes	<p>Upon completion of the course, students are expected:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To understand the fundamental principles of criminal law. • To understand the purpose and operation of criminal law. • To explain the concept of action and omission. • To be able to identify the elements of a crime, i.e. the objective and subjective nature. • To be able to analyse the forms of culpability (malice, negligence). 			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To understand the concept of attempt and be able to distinguish it from the concept of rescission. • To be able to identify the different forms of participation in crime and be able to evaluate them legally. • To acquire the ability to identify cases of removal of wrongdoer or criminal charge from an act. • To acquire critical thinking about how to apply the principles of criminal law and to develop the necessary methodology for solving practical problems. 		
Prerequisites	None	Required	None
Course content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criminal law and its inclusion in the Greek legal order. Purpose and mission of criminal law. The concept of criminalization of acts and the role of the legislator. • The concept of punishment and its foundation. Definition and basic characteristics of the penalty. The justifying basis of the sentence. Forms of penalties and subsequent sentences. • The principle of the legality of crimes and punishments (nullum crimen, nulla poena sine lege). Constitution and criminal law. Prohibition of proportion. The retroactivity of criminal laws: prohibition and the application of the most lenient law. The prohibition of vagueness of a criminal law. • The three levels of crime. • The meaning of the act in criminal law. Constituents of the act, the non-act. The concept of omission. • The actus reus of the crime and the distinctions of the crimes. • The objective causal link and the objective criminal charge. • The mens rea of the crime. Forms of culpability. Malice and negligence. Forms of malice and negligence. The resulting crimes and the non-genuine crimes of omission. • The unjust. Legal nature and reasons for removing the wrongful. The command, the defence and the state of emergency. The conflict of duty and the victim's consent. • Guilt and criminal liability. • The attempt and rescission. • Special kinds of crime: participation and its forms. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joinder offences.
Teaching methodology	Lectures using powerpoint, active participation of students in discussions and dialogue. Case law analysis and practical problem solving.
Bibliography	<p>Ch. Mylonopoulos, Criminal Law – General Part, 2nd ed. (P.N. Sakkoulas, 2020).</p> <p>A. Charalambakis, Criminal Law – General Part, Volume I-II: The Crime – The Punishment (P.N. Sakkoulas, 2022).</p> <p>L. Kotsalis, Criminal Law, 3rd ed. (Nomiki Bibliothiki 2022).</p> <p>A. Charalambakis (ed.), The New Penal Code (2 Volumes) (Nomiki Bibliothiki 2020).</p> <p>N. Androulakis, Criminal Law, General Part, Volume I, Theory of Crime, 2nd ed. (P.N. Sakkoulas 2006)</p> <p>N. Androulakis, Criminal Law, General Part, Volume II, Attempt and Participation. (P.N. Sakkoulas 2005).</p> <p>N. Androulakis, Criminal Law, General Part, Volume III, Confusion - statute of Limitation (P.N. Sakkoulas 2008).</p> <p>Ch. Satlanis, Introduction to criminal law, 3rd ed. (Nomiki Bibliothiki 2022).</p> <p>N. Bitzilekis/ E. Symeonidou-Kastanidou, Practical Issues in Criminal Law, 2nd ed. (Nomiki Bibliothiki 2022).</p> <p>A. Karagiannopoulos, 168 Practical Issues of General Criminal Law (Ant. N. Sakkoulas 2021)</p>
Assessment	<p>Midterm exam 30%</p> <p>Participation 20%</p> <p>Final exam 50%</p>
Language	Greek