

ANNEX 2 – COURSE DESCRIPTION

Course title	Criminal Procedure I			
Course code	LAWG-317			
Course type	Compulsory			
Level	Undergraduate			
Year / Semester	3 rd /E			
Teacher's name	Dimitrios Kourtis			
ECTS	6	Lectures / week	3 hours per week	Laboratories / week
Course purpose and objectives	<p>The goal of the course is to teach the fundamental principles and concepts of criminal trial and the procedural rules applicable from the preliminary proceedings stage to the hearing. To this end, the objective is for the students to understand the importance of the procedural rules of the criminal trial and the need for maintaining a rule-of-law-based trial, as well as to comprehend the conceptual content of a fair trial.</p> <p>Furthermore, a systematic and in-depth analysis of the provisions of the Greek Code of Criminal Procedure will be conducted, explaining the organization and operation of the Criminal Courts, particularly those of the first instance. Additionally, the presentation will cover the subjects of a criminal trial, such as the defendant and their rights, the roles of the prosecutor and the investigator, the judge, as well as the representation of civil claims.</p> <p>Within the framework of the course, a presentation will be made to all stages of the criminal trial, explained through practical problems and the citation of relevant case law. Finally, the goal of the course is for students to develop the ability to evaluate procedural rules with a critical and integrative approach.</p>			
Learning outcomes	<p>Upon completing the course, students are expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know and understand the fundamental principles and concepts of criminal procedural law. • Recognize how a criminal trial functions and the purposes it needs to fulfil. • Be able to interpret and apply the provisions of the Code of Criminal Procedure. 			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the stages of a criminal trial and have the ability to assess whether procedural rules have been followed. • Have an in-depth knowledge of a defendant's rights and be able to advise accordingly. • Understand issues of jurisdiction of criminal courts as well as matters concerning investigative actions, criminal prosecution, and the law of evidence. • Have the ability to resolve practical issues related to criminal procedural law. • Be able to conduct legal research and evaluate case law. • Acquire the ability to draft pleadings, statements, and other judicial documents. 		
Prerequisites	General Criminal Law (LAWG-213)	Required	None
Course content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction. The concept and content of criminal procedural law. Fundamental principles and concepts of the criminal trial. • The criminal courts, types, and jurisdictions (local and subject-matter jurisdiction). • The judicial persons and parties in a criminal trial. The suspect and the accused. The organs of justice administration. • Procedural invalidities. The concept and distinctions of invalidities. Procedural acts and deadlines. • The criminal trial. The preliminary examination. • The initiation of criminal prosecution. The preliminary investigation, the inquiry, temporary detention of the accused. The institution of criminal settlement and penal bargaining. The procedure of judicial councils. • The stage before the hearing procedure. 		
Teaching methodology	Lectures using PowerPoint, assignments, presentations, and active student participation in discussions and dialogue. Analysis of case law, solving practical problems, mock trials, and drafting of judicial documents (pleadings).		
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Assessment	<p>Assignment: 30%</p> <p>Participation: 20%</p> <p>Final Exam: 50%</p>
Language	Greek