

Course Title	Thesis: Thesis Proposal and Implementation				
Course Code	DLNLT512				
Course Type	Elective				
Level	Master (LL.M.)				
Year/Semester Studies	3 <sup>rd</sup> / Fall				
Instructor Name	All Academic Staff				
ECTS	30	Lectures / Weeks		Workshops / Weeks	
Objectives	<p>General purpose of the thesis: The investigation and critical evaluation of specific legal issues, with emphasis on the comparative study of applicable law.</p> <p>More specific objectives: Theoretical analysis and dogmatic approach of the basic concepts and principles of the legal issue under consideration, in the context of the law of new technologies at European and Cypriot or Greek level. Comparative investigation of the legislative regulations and jurisprudential tendencies in different jurisdictions, with the aim of highlighting the convergences and divergences. Highlighting and critically evaluating issues of application of the law in practice, through selected case law of courts. Assess the effectiveness of existing legal frameworks and propose possible improvements, based on lessons learned from benchmarking. Investigate how the principles of Cypriot or Greek law are affected by European law and the case law of the Court of Justice of the European Union. Draw conclusions on the appropriateness, adequacy and effectiveness of existing legal arrangements, especially in light of modern social and economic needs. Formulation of policy proposals (lege ferenda) with a view to enhancing legal certainty, the protection of rights or the efficiency of justice.</p> <p>The preparation of a master's thesis in the field of law represents a pivotal moment in the academic and professional career of every student. This demanding work offers the unique opportunity to delve deeper into specific legal issues and contribute to the debate that is taking shape around them. It is not just a matter of composing a large text, but of a process that involves the systematic study of the relevant legislation, the analysis of case law and the investigation of theoretical opinions, with the aim of developing critical thinking and drawing original conclusions. One of the biggest advantages of the master's thesis is that it allows the student to work independently, developing their research interests on a specialized topic that fascinates them. Through this process, a deeper understanding of the subject is acquired, while at the same time the ability</p>				

	<p>to synthesize different sources: legislation, case-law developments and interdisciplinary approaches is cultivated. Legal research requires methodicality and attention to detail, as every provision and every court decision can have a significant impact on the conclusions to be drawn. At the same time, the research process substantially enhances the skills of organization and time management. The successful completion of a dissertation requires a systematic distribution of responsibilities, targeted literature search, and constant feedback through discussions with the supervising professor. The gathering, elaboration and evaluation of legal sources create the basis for the formulation of in-depth positions and proposals. Consequently, the student is not limited to a simple set of rules, but develops the ability to form a critical and well-founded opinion, while enriching the theoretical background of legal science.</p> <p>In addition, the preparation of the master's thesis cultivates important research virtues, such as analytical thinking and clear scientific expression. Text formatting, proper use of footnotes, and respect for citation rules are an integral part of academic ethics. All these aspects ensure that the produced work can stand with credibility and validity in the scientific community. In the end, the completion of the thesis and its presentation in front of a committee or at a scientific conference offer the student the joy of creation, as well as the opportunity to discuss and defend his ideas, forming a complete scientific identity.</p> <p>Finally, the practical value of a master's thesis is equally important. The specialization that the student acquires in a specific branch of law in the context of the relationship between law and technology, can be translated into a strong advantage in the labor market, creating employment prospects or further academic development (doctoral studies). Deepening in a legal field allows not only the development of theoretical knowledge, but also a better understanding of the issues that arise in practice, thus contributing to the substantial upgrade of legal science and justice in general. In short, the postgraduate thesis is an invaluable educational and research process, which molds the student into a well-rounded legal scientist, capable of producing primary knowledge and providing creative solutions to contemporary legal problems.</p>
<b>Learning outcomes</b>	<p><b>Upon successful completion of the course, the student will be able to:</b></p> <p>Critically and in-depth analyze specialized legal issues, applying theoretical knowledge and comparative law methodology.</p> <p>Effectively identify, evaluate and process primary and secondary sources of applicable law in the field of law and technology relations.</p> <p>Systematically compare and interpret legislation, case law and theory between different legal systems.</p> <p>Develop original argumentation and substantiate positions on complex legal issues with clarity and scientific precision.</p> <p>Apply appropriate methods of comparative legal analysis in order to highlight the effects of European law on Cypriot or Greek national law.</p> <p>Compose and formulate proposals de lege ferenda, taking into account theoretical and practical criteria, as well as socio-economic data.</p> <p>Clearly and scientifically present the results of the research, both in writing</p>

	<p>and orally.</p> <p>Address and propose solutions to new and complex legal problems, actively contributing to the contemporary scientific debate in the field of legal science.</p>		
Prerequisites	N/A	Co-requirements	N/A
Content Lecture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Deepening in a specialized legal fieldDeveloping a deeper knowledge and understanding of the most complex and controversial issues of a particular branch of law.</li> <li>○ Critical and analytical thinkingAbility to evaluate, compare and synthesize different legal sources (legislation, case law, literature), in order to form documented opinions.</li> <li>○ Systematic research methodologyAcquisition of skills in the collection and classification of material, in the processing and clear documentation of arguments based on scientific specifications.</li> <li>○ Proper use of citations and academic ethicsRespect for the rules of citing sources, understand the issue of plagiarism, and highlight the originality of the research.</li> <li>○ Developing writing skillsApplying effective techniques of structure, writing and presenting arguments, with the aim of creating a coherent, high-quality text.</li> <li>○ Effective time managementPlan and implement a realistic work schedule, incorporating research, writing, and proofreading phases.</li> <li>○ Linking theory to practiceOutlining how the legal issues analyzed are applied and interpreted in practice, highlighting the social and practical impact of the conclusions.</li> <li>○ Highlighting gaps and suggestions for improvementIdentifying weak points in legislation or case law trends, formulating proposals and possible amendments or improvements.</li> <li>○ Communication and collaborationCultivating skills to present and defend research in an academic environment, through frequent interaction with supervisors and colleagues.</li> <li>○ Further development and application of knowledgeCreation of a basis for future academic or professional activities (doctorate, law, legal consultancy) and in general strengthening of the student's scientific profile.</li> </ul>		
Methodology Teaching	<p>Collaboration with the supervising teacher</p> <p>Study</p> <p>Creative activity</p> <p>Self-propelled research</p> <p>Oral presentation before a competent selection board</p>		
Bibliography	<p>In addition to the study of the material for their work, students may consult the following aids:</p>		

	<p>HOW TO WRITE A STUDENT AND POSTGRADUATE THESIS, A short writing guide for law students, P.N. Sakkoulas, 2009.</p> <p>Devetzis Dimitrios, Guide for the Preparation of Diploma Theses of the Postgraduate Program "Law and Technology" of the Law Department of Frederick University.</p> <p>Material from the course "Research Methodology".</p>
Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final Examination - Presentation (100%)</li> </ul>
English	English