COM254 General Principles of Law, Mass Communication Law and Journalistic Code of Conduct

Course Title	General Principles of Law, Mass Communication Law and Journalistic Code of Conduct
Course Code	COM254
Course Type	Compulsory
Level	BA
Year / Semester	2nd/ Spring
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ECTS	6	Lectures / week	3	Laboratories / week	

Course Purpose and Objectives	The main objective of this course is to make students aware of the law principles relating to public and private law with emphasis on the journalistic ethics and deontology that should apply to the journalistic profession.

Learning Outcomes	- Understanding the hierarchy of laws - Understanding the foundations of the legal system - Describing the elements of contractual obligations and tortious liability - Understanding the deontological and ethical principles that govern the journalistic profession and journalistic function. - Understanding the particularities of the new media on journalistic deontology and ethics. - Ability to apply the deontological and ethical principles on the journalistic profession. - Critical examination of the reliability of the media and how theywork. - Ability to propose ways of approaching and resolving issues concerning the particularities of digital technology in relation to journalistic deontology and ethics.

Prerequisites	None	Required	

Course Content	Hierarchy of Laws: International Law, Constitution, Acts and Orders Contractual Obligation Tortious Liability Company Entity Codes of ethics and journalism: Major principles Journalism and democracy: marketplace of ideas, public sphere andpublic interest. Ethics and traditional media Ethics and new media Journalistic roles and models of journalism: Watchdog model, civic oriented model of journalism, loyal facilitator model, infotainment Fake news and the journalistic role
Teaching Methodology	This course is delivered to the students by means of lectures conducted with the help of computer presentations. Lectures are supplemented with group discussions in order for the students to familiarize with the principles

	of journalistic deontology and ethics.
Bibliography	Κληρίδης Χρίστος, *Κυπριακό Νομικό Σύστημα* (Νομική Βιβλιοθήκη 2017)
	Ακριβοπούλου Χριστίνα, Ανθόπουλος Χαράλαμπος, *Εισαγωγή στο δίκαιο και στους συνταγματικούς θεσμούς* (Κάλλιπος 2015)
	Mellado, Claudia (2015), 'Professional roles in news content: Six dimensions of journalistic role performance', *Journalism Studies*, 16:4, pp. 596−614.
	McBride, K. & Rosenstiel, T. (eds.) (2014). *The new ethics of journalism: Principles of the 21st centuries*. California: Sage
	Παπαθανασοπουλος, Σ. & Κομνηνού, Μ. (2000). *Ζητήματα δημοσιογραφικής δεοντολογίας*. Αθήνα: Καστανιώτης.
Assessment	**Methods**: Students are assessed with coursework that involves homework assignments and class participation, a midterm and a final exam. Students are assessed continuously and their knowledge is checked through tests with their assessment weight, date and time being set at the beginning of the semester via the course syllabus. Students are prepared for final exam, by revision on the matter taught and are trained to be able to deal with time constraints and revision timetable. The final assessment of the students is formative and cumulative and is assured to comply with the subject's expected learning outcomes and the quality of the course. **Students are assessed on the following:** **Knowledge and understanding - 30%** In – depth knowledge and understanding towards the relevant topics of interest. **Research and Analytical Skills - 40%** Competence in research methods and ability of evaluating the results. The possibility of using them in different ways. **Presentation and Communication - 30%** Able to explain and defend the solutions given by them in a way to transmit the knowledge achieved beforehand. Assessment criteria are available in each written assignment, midterm or in the final exam. **Weights:** Final Exam 50 % Mid-term 25 % Homework assignments and participation 25 %
Language	Greek