

Course Title	Cyprus Legal System				
Course Code	LAW 101				
Course Type	Law Elective				
Level	Undergraduate				
Year / Semester	1				
Teacher's Name	Dr Christos Clerides				
ECTS	6	Lectures / week	3	Laboratories / week	0
Course Purpose and Objectives	<p>The aim of the lectures on the Legal System is to introduce the students to the key structures of Cyprus Law, including both the Court structure and the hierarchy of the rules of law. The relationship between the Cyprus System and the European legal order, and particularly the dominance of the European Law and mainly of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and the Constitution of Cyprus. Another objective is to introduce the students to the historical development of the Legal System in Cyprus, while laying emphasis on the period of British rule and the correlation between the sources of Law and the Anglo-Saxon, Greek yet Continental law, particularly with respect to Administrative Law. The aim is for the students to recognize the framework, within which the Cyprus Law operates and understand the core principle of the rule of law as well as the separation amongst the functions, the legislative, executive and judicial powers. The students will be equipped with all prerequisites in order to be able to obtain the necessary knowledge that will serve as the foundation required for the development of their broader understanding around the Legal System of Cyprus. Thus, they will acquire the necessary ability of applying critical thinking with respect to the creation of the essential institutions and preconditions, the encoding and the improvement of the Cyprus Law and the administration of justice in general, compared to the one found in Greece and in Britain, on which the Cyprus System draws its experience and its theory.</p>				

Learning Outcomes	<p>By the end of the lecture series, students are expected to be in a position to:</p> <p>Gain the necessary knowledge about the sources of Cyprus Law, including the required knowledge about Criminal Procedure, Civil Procedure and Law of Evidence.</p> <p>Grasp the structure and main formation of the Courts in Cyprus.</p> <p>Gain the required foundation as regards the historical development of the Cyprus Law and its relation to the Anglo-Saxon Common Law and Equity, as well the main principles of the Greek Administrative Law and its correlation with the Cypriot equivalent, as applied by virtue of Article 146 of the Constitution.</p> <p>Understand the hierarchy applied within the rules of law and the relationship between the Cyprus Legal System and the European legal order, the European Union, as well as the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights.</p> <p>Understand the Attorneys' role as servants of justice and the Judges' role as the bodies responsible for the administration of justice, as well as the system of Prosecuting Authorities.</p> <p>Understand the need for the system's continuous improvement and modification, with the aim of administering justice within a reasonable period of time, as well as the significance of rule of law for the country's welfare.</p>		
Prerequisites	None	Required	None

<p>Course Content</p>	<p>Through the series of lectures, the students will be faced with the historical development of the Cyprus Law from ancient times, the influence of the Empire of Constantinople, the Frankish rule, the Venetian domination, the Turkish domination and subsequently the British rule, which left its mark on the development of the Legal System of Cyprus. Particular emphasis will be given to the correlation between the Common Law and Equity, as applied and in force in Britain, and the Cyprus Law on the basis of article 29 of the Courts Law 14/60. The organisation of the Courts in Cyprus, from the Supreme Court to the Specialized and the District Courts, as well as the key structure by virtue of the Constitution will constitute the object of the lectures, as will the understanding of the rule of law. The influence of the European legal order and the introduction of both the European Union and the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights to the Legal System of Cyprus, will be elaborated and explained through the amendment of the Constitution and the case law of the Court of Justice of the European Union, as well as the Court in Strasbourg, always on the basis of the justification of the Supreme Court. The role of human rights, as well as the Criminal and the Civil Procedure, the Law of Evidence and the individual provisions of the Courts Law 14/60, as amended, will be examined thoroughly. The jurisdictions of the Courts, particularly concerning the issuance of interim and legal orders, in the light of the extensive case law of the Supreme Court will constitute the object of separate lectures. An introduction will be made to the relationship between Advocates and Judges, as well as to the institutional framework for the consolidation and amendment of the Cyprus Legislation, aiming to a better and faster mode for the administration of justice.</p>
<p>Teaching Methodology</p>	<p>Lecture: 20 hours Discussion: 12 hours</p>

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Assessment	<p>Exam(s): 60% Assignment(s): 30% Attendance / Participation: 10%</p>
Language	Greek