

Course Title	Practising Law				
Course Code	LAW 104				
Course Type	Compulsory				
Level	Undergraduate				
Year / Semester	1 st / B' (Spring)				
Teacher's Name	Dr Christos Clerides				
ECTS	6	Lectures / week	3	Laboratories / week	0
Course Purpose and Objectives	<p>The aim of the class, is to introduce the students to the practical experience of the profession and the way to practice Law, as well as to train them in exercising the legal skills. Researching and detecting the Law, its analysis and its presentation in a persuasive manner shall be the object of the lectures, so that the students may develop the ability to distinguish between the material that can be useful to them and the material that cannot. The objective of the lectures is to prepare the Jurist for the practical experience of practising law, the techniques of cross-examination and the presentation of cases before Court, in general. The students are introduced to rules of ethics and ways of conduct before the Court, against clients and colleagues, and the society, in general. The art of practising Law is the art of the Lawyer to convince of his client's positions and, therefore, the primary objective is the development of this skill, taking into consideration that practising Law is both an art and a science.</p>				
Learning Outcomes	<p>By the end of the lecture series, students are expected to be in a position to:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Perform the required legal research and detect the material that is useful for their results.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Present a case before Court properly, whether they are the plaintiffs</p>				

	<p>or the defendant's defence.</p> <p>Conduct themselves properly both within the Court room and against their clients, colleagues, and generally the society as servants of justice.</p> <p>Prepare the file of a case from the very beginning, by taking a deposition, investigating in the various government departments, and ensuring the necessary evidences in general.</p> <p>Apply the legal knowledge and theory in order to solve and deal with challenges.</p> <p>Obtain critical thinking and attitude against legislative provisions.</p>		
Prerequisites	None	Required	None
Course Content	<p>Prerequisites for the registration of a lawyer in Cyprus, including EU Lawyers by virtue of relevant provisions of the Lawyers' Law, Cap. 2. Discipline of the Lawyers, development of ethic codes and the scope and function of the Disciplinary Board. Analysis of the relevant provisions of the Lawyers' Law, Cap. 2. The duties of a Lawyer to show due diligence when handling cases and the impacts caused from breaching this obligation. The relationship between the Lawyers and the Judges. The prerequisites needed for the successful exercise of the profession. Preparation and presentation of the cases before Court. Studying, researching, developing critical thinking and coping with challenging situations. Management of crisis and Law offices in general. The experience of practising law in general, with particular emphasis on the main, cross and re-examination of witnesses.</p>		
Teaching Methodology	<p>Lecture: 20 hours</p> <p>Discussion: 12 hours</p>		
Bibliography	<p>(1) A Dictionary of Law, Seventh Edition, Edited by Elizabeth A. Martin and Jonathan Law, Oxford University Press.</p> <p>(2) Advocates, David Pannick, Oxford University Press</p> <p>(3) Lawyers' Skills, J.Webb, C. Maughan, M.Maughan, M. Keppel-Palmer, A.Boon, Oxford University Press</p> <p>(4) Studies on the Cyprus Law, Volume 7, On the art of cross-examination, George Serghides, Nicosia 2007.</p>		

	<p>(5) The Art of Advocate, Revised Edition, Richard Du Cann, Penguin Books</p> <p>(6) The Path to Pupillage – A Guide for the Aspiring Barrister, 1st Edition, Georgina Wolfe and Alexander Robson, London, Sweet & Maxwell 2008</p> <p>(7) Practical Legal Skills, 3rd Edition, Ross Hyams, Susan Campbell and Andrian Evans, Oxford University Press</p> <p>(8) Legal Practice Companion, Gerald Montagu, Mark Weston, 15th Edition (2009-2010), Bloomsbury Professional</p> <p>(9) Advocacy, Second Edition, David Ross QC, Cambridge University Press</p> <p>(10) Advocacy Skills, Fourth Edition, Judge Michael Hyam, Oxford University Press</p> <p>(11) The Devil’s Advocate, A short polemic on how to be seriously good in Court, Iain Morley, Second Edition</p> <p>(12) Effective Advocacy, 1st Edition, Noel Shaw, London, Sweet & Maxwell, 1996.</p> <p>(13) The Golden Rules of Advocacy, Keith Evans, Oxford University Press</p> <p>(14) The Art of Cross-Examination, New and Enlarged Edition, Francic L. Wellman, The Macmillan Company, London.</p> <p>(15) The Examination of Witnesses in Court, 2nd Edition, Frederic John Wrottesley, London, Sweet & Maxwell, Ltd</p> <p>(16) Studies on the Cyprus Law, Volume 8, Studying the Law and Practising Law - Social Correlations, Nicosia 2009</p> <p>(17) Writing and Early Greek Law, Michael Gagarin</p> <p>Legal ethics: Takis Eliades</p>
Assessment	<p>Exam(s): 60%</p> <p>Assignment(s): 30%</p> <p>Attendance / Participation: 10%</p>
Language	Greek

