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| Course Title | Philosophy of Law | | | | |
| Course Code | LAW 403 | | | | |
| Course Type | Compulsory | | | | |
| Level | Undergraduate | | | | |
| Year / Semester | 4 th / H' (Spring) | | | | |
| Teacher's Name | Dr Soteris Theocharides | | | | |
| ECTS | 6 | Lectures / week | 1 | Laboratories/week | none |
| Course Purpose | <p>Teaching the course in Philosophy of Law could very well be described as the ideal way for concluding the undergraduate legal studies. This is true not only because the "philosophy" of the law presupposes sufficient knowledge of the law subjects and more generally the rule of law, but much more so because the content of this course is a clear evidence that a global knowledge of the is accomplished.</p> <p>The Philosophy of Law module has as main object to assist students to develop philosophical reflection and enquiry into law. Accordingly, students will be invited to serve and promote in a variety of ways. Justice, Plato said, is a virtue, and first of all because it is linked to knowledge.</p> <p>By completing the course of Philosophy of Law, students will be expected to understand and cultivate in their perception that "justice" is not just a set of rules defining some behaviour. Justice is, above all, knowledge, equity and virtue, it is a goodwill in which they themselves are invited to bring it up and serve it</p> | | | | |

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| Learning Outcomes | <p>Upon completion, student will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explain the aims and objectives of the philosophy of law in relation to justice and legal reasoning. 2. Explain clearly the positions of the main schools of thought on the nature and purpose of the law. 3. Describe the main theoretical trends of the philosophy of law. 4. List the basic concepts and principles that are subject to the philosophy of law, including those derived from general philosophy. 5. Correlate the relevance of political, social and legal phenomena with the topics of general philosophy (including ethics, metaphysics, aesthetics and epistemology). 6. To critically elaborate on the positions of the philosophy of law in relation to other theoretical approaches as regards the nature of law, such as the sociology of law. | | |
| Prerequisites | LW 113 Introduction to the Science of Law | Corequisites | None |

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| <p>Course Content</p> | <p>The philosophy of law as a branch of practical philosophy.</p> <p>The origins of philosophy - the "dike" in antiquity</p> <p>Sophists - Athenian Republic - Relativism - Early Legal Positivism</p> <p>Socrates - Plato - Aristotle</p> <p>The Origins of Natural Law (Justice According to Scepticism, Epicureans and the Stoics) - The Influences on Roman Law</p> <p>Individual, society and state.</p> <p>The relationship between law, ethics and politics.</p> <p>The concept of law (basic ideas of law, dialogue of theories): Legal positivism, natural law</p> <p>The concept of justice and the fundamental political theories from antiquity to modernity.</p> <p>The point of view of ethics and the basic normative theories: utilitarianism, deontology, Arethaic (virtue) ethics (values, methods, protagonists).</p> <p>Specific fields (including: democracy, law-abiding, religion and law, philosophy of punishment, just war and terrorism, anarchism).</p> |
| <p>Teaching Methodology</p> | <p>Lecture: 20 hours</p> <p>Tutorial: 13 hours</p> <p>This course - due to its importance- requires continuous attendance.</p> <p>Courses are delivered through the combined method of lectures and discussions.</p> |

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| | <p>2012. (in Greek)</p> <p>16. Rawls John, <i>Theory of Justice</i>, 2nd ed., Polis 2001 (in Greek)</p> <p>17. Sandel Michael, <i>Justice - What's Right?</i> transl. Al. Kioupiolis, Third Edition, Polis Edition 2011 (in Greek)</p> <p>18. Douzinas Costas, <i>Law and Aesthetics</i>, Papazis 2005 (in Greek)</p> <p>19. Douzinas Costas, <i>Human Rights And Empire, The Political Philosophy Of Cosmopolitanism</i>, Nissos 2016 (in Greek)</p> |
| Assessment | <p>First Assessment: Mid-Term Exam (20%)</p> <p>Second Assessment: Written Essay (20%)</p> <p>Third Assessment: Final Exam (60%)</p> |
| Language | Greek |