



<b>Course Code</b> LAW-310	<b>Course Title</b> Ecclesiastical Law (Cyprus)	<b>ECTS Credits</b> 6
<b>Department</b> Law	<b>Semester</b> Fall / Spring	<b>Prerequisites</b> Two from LAW-202, LAW-212, LAW-242 and LAW-252/6
<b>Type of Course</b> Law Elective	<b>Field</b> Law	<b>Language of Instruction</b> Greek
<b>Level of Course</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Cycle	<b>Year of Study</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> / 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Lecturer(s)</b> Dr. Achilles Emilianides
<b>Mode of Delivery</b> Face-to-face	<b>Work Placement</b> N/A	<b>Co-requisites</b> None

### **Objectives of the Course:**

The main objectives of the course are to:

- Develop for students the theory and practice of law and religion
- Introduce the concepts of co-ordination, church and state relations and canon law
- Introduce the legislation and case - law concerning religious freedom
- Introduce the student to the study of the internal rules of religious organizations

### **Learning Outcomes:**

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

1. Examine the history, nature and scope of law and religion.
2. Appraise the constitutional status of religious communities and the internal organization of the Orthodox Church and the three religious communities.
3. Assess the rules and principles governing individual religious freedom, organizational and collective religious freedom.
4. Evaluate the penal law provisions concerning religion.
5. Explain the rules governing education and religion, and financing and religion.
6. State the rules for the protection of the individual within religious communities.
7. Assess the rules of international law concerning religious freedom.

### **Course Contents:**

1. Constitutional position of religion. The Orthodox Church and the three religious groups
2. State laws concerning religion
3. Individual religious freedom, proselytism and conscientious objection
4. Collective religious freedom and organizational religious freedom
5. Legal status and autonomy of religious communities, the Charter of the Orthodox Church

6. International, transnational and regional law on religious freedom
7. Labour law within religious communities
8. Religious communities and protection of the individual, protection of privacy, blasphemy, blood transfusion
9. Non discrimination, penal law provisions
10. Church financing, tax law
11. Education and religion
12. Family law and religion
13. Religion, culture and politics

**Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:**

Interactive lectures, tutorials, written examinations and assignments

**Assessment Methods:**

Assignments, Mid-Term, Final Exam.

**Required Textbooks/Reading:**

<b>Authors</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Publisher</b>	<b>Year</b>
A. Emilianides	<i>Law and Religion in Cyprus</i>	Kluwer	2010

**Recommended Textbooks/Reading:**

<b>Authors</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Publisher</b>	<b>Year</b>
M. Evans	<i>Religious Liberty and International Law in Europe</i>	Cambridge	2008
C. Evans	<i>Freedom of Religion under the European Convention on Human Rights</i>	Oxford	2001
P. Taylor	<i>Freedom of Religion</i>	Cambridge	2005