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University of Nicosia, Cyprus

Course Code LAW-122	Course Title Constitutional Law II	ECTS Credits 6
Department Law	Semester Spring	Prerequisites LAW-121
Type of Course Major Requirement	Field Law	Language of Instruction English
Level of Course 1 st Cycle	Year of Study 1 st	Lecturer(s) Mr Xenis Xenofontos
Mode of Delivery Face-to-face	Work Placement N/A	Co-requisites None

Objectives of the Course:

Constitutional Law II is designed to further the knowledge gained by the student on the constitutional system of government. More specifically, this course is designed to explore issues relating to the administration of government – including the concept of judicial review of administrative action, natural justice and ombudsman. Moreover, it aims at further development of skills of independent reading and research.

Learning Outcomes:

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

1. Evaluate the functions of the various aspects of the executive: from Prime Minister to the police.
2. Assess the modern application of the principles of collective and individual responsibility of executive action.
3. Appraise how subordinate legislation assists the requirement for effective government, whilst appreciating the importance of its utility not being abused.
4. Assess the basis for the judicial review of administrative action, as a further tool in checking potential government abuse.
5. Determine the principles of natural justice and their historical development.
6. Evaluate the emergence of the need for extensive and clearly defined civil rights following the Second World War.
7. State the core differences and similarities in the UK and Cypriot administrative systems.
8. Appraise the public / private law dichotomy.

Course Content:

1. Central Government: The Executive & Administration – Crown and the Privy Council; Prime Minister.

2. Ministerial Responsibility
3. Delegated Legislation.
4. Control of Executive Power (I): Parliamentary
5. Control of Executive Power (II): Judicial Review of Administrative Action: Grounds, etc; Judicial Review v Appeal.
6. Judicial Review of Administrative Action;
7. Natural Justice.
8. The Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsman)
9. The Citizen and the State: State Security and Public Law Orders; Police, Enforcement of Law and Human Rights.
10. General overview of Cypriot constitutional law and explorations of proposals for the future constitutional framework of the Republic of Cyprus

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Interactive lectures, tutorials, written examinations and assignments

Assessment Methods:

One written assignment, mid-term exam, final exam

Required Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year
A W Bradley and K D Ewing	Constitutional and Administrative Law, 15 th ed.	Longman	2010
Hilaire Barnett	Constitutional & Administrative Law, 8 th ed.	Routledge	2010

Recommended Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year
Dennis Campbell (ed.)	Introduction to Cyprus Law, 2 nd ed.	Yorkhill Law Publishing	2009
Government of Cyprus	Constitution of the Republic of Cyprus 1960	Government of Cyprus	1960