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ΠΑΝΕΠΙΣΤΗΜΙΟ ΛΕΥΚΩΣΙΑΣ

University of Nicosia, Cyprus

Course Code LAW-142	Course Title Legal System and Method II	ECTS Credits 6
Department Law	Semester Spring	Prerequisites LAW-141
Type of Course Major Requirement	Field Law	Language of Instruction English
Level of Course 1 st Cycle	Year of Study 1 st	Lecturer(s) Peter Pafitis
Mode of Delivery Face-to-face	Work Placement N/A	Co-requisites None

Objectives of the Course:

To provide students with the inner workings of the legal profession and to present a clear perspective of the significant and operational aspects of legal aid, court procedures and the appeals process within the English Legal System.

Learning Outcomes:

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

1. Demonstrate an appreciation of the work, qualifications, training and regulation of barristers and solicitors
2. Assess efforts made towards fusion of the legal professions
3. Explain the need for payment for legal services and appreciate the importance, role and effectiveness of state-funding and conditional fee arrangements
4. State the criteria for granting and refusing bail
5. Assess the inner workings of the criminal trial process
6. Demonstrate a broad understanding of the civil justice system
7. Explain the appeals system and understand its pivotal role in overseeing the lower courts and ensuring consistency in the development of the law
8. State how to take initiative, to undertake independent learning and developing powers of enquiry and critical analysis

Course Content:

Legal Profession
Solicitors
Barristers
The Crown Prosecution Service

Legal Aid
The legal aid scheme prior to the Access to Justice Act 1999
The Access to Justice Act 1999
The Legal Services Commission
The Criminal Defence Service (CDS)
The Commission Legal Service (CLS)

Criminal Procedure
 Prosecution
 Bail
 Classification of Offences
 Determining the mode of trial
 Committal Proceedings

Criminal Procedure
 Summary Trial
 Trial on Indictment

Criminal Appeals
 Following a summary trial
 Miscarriage of Justice
 Criminal Case Review Commission

Civil Procedure

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Interactive lectures, tutorials, written examinations and assignments

Assessment Methods:

One written assignment or oral presentation, mid-term exam and final exam

Required Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year/Edition
Carl. F Stychil & Linda Mulcahy	<i>Legal Methods & Systems</i>	Sweet & Maxwell	2010
G.Slapper & D. Kelly	<i>English Legal System</i>	Routledge Cavendish	2011-12

Recommended Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year/Edition
Michael Zander	<i>Cases & Materials on English Legal System</i>	Cambridge Press	10 th Edition
Allisdair Gillespie	<i>The English Legal System</i>	Oxford Press	2009
Jacqueline Martin	<i>The English Legal System</i>	Hodder Education	2007
Tim Vollaris & Glenn Asquith	English Legal System Concentrate	Oxford Press	2009
Fiona Cownie, Anthony Bradney & Mandy Burton	<i>English Legal System in Context</i>	Oxford Press	2007
Catherine Elliot & Frances Quinn	<i>English Legal System</i>	Pearson Longmann	2010

Terence Ingman	<i>English Legal Proless</i>	Oxford Press	13 th Edition
Martin Partington	<i>Introduction to English Legal System</i>	Oxford Press	2010-11
Kate Malleon, Richard Moules	<i>The Legal System</i>	Oxford Pres	4 th Edition
	<i>English Legal System – The Fundamentals</i>	Sweet & Maxwell	1 st Edition
Carl F Stychin Linda Mulcahy	<i>Legal Methods & Systems</i>	Sweet & Maxwell	4 th Edition