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ΠΑΝΕΠΙΣΤΗΜΙΟ ΛΕΥΚΩΣΙΑΣ

University of Nicosia, Cyprus

Course Code LAW-145	Course Title Legal System and Method (Cyprus) I	ECTS Credits 6
Department Law	Semester Fall	Prerequisites None
Type of Course Major Requirement	Field Law	Language of Instruction Greek
Level of Course 1 st Cycle	Year of Study 1 st	Lecturer(s) Antonis Constantinou
Mode of Delivery Face-to-face	Work Placement N/A	Co-requisites None

Objectives of the Course:

To introduce students to the salient aspects of legal method and the practical working of the legal system to provide students with an understanding of the legal profession, to critically assess the system and to lay a foundation for students which will serve as a preliminary step towards the study of “substantive” law courses.

Learning Outcomes:

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

1. Identify and describe the sources of Cypriot law and assess the impact and influence thereon of the Human Rights Act and EU law
2. State the operation of the doctrine of judicial precedent
3. Demonstrate an understanding of the rules of statutory interpretation
4. Discuss the difficulties encountered by those responsible for drafting legislation
5. Explain the process through which Parliament delegates legislative functions to inferior bodies
6. Assess the importance and implications of adopting alternative dispute mechanisms
7. Demonstrate knowledge of the courts structure and the judiciary
8. Illustrate how to take initiative, to undertake independent learning and develop powers of enquiry and critical analysis

Course Content:

1. Introduction, Historical Background
2. Nature, classification of the Law, Sources of the Law, Custom, Common Law and Equity, Legislation, European Law
3. The Doctrine of Judicial Present, Stare Decisis
4. The Hierarchy of the Courts
5. Interpretation of Statutes, Canons of Interpretation, Aids to Interpretation
6. The Court structures, Civil Courts, Criminal Courts
7. Alternative Dispute Resolution, Arbitration
8. The Judiciary, Independence, Impartiality, Immunity, Functions, Appointment, Training, Removal

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
Catherine Elliot & Frances Quinn	<i>English Legal System</i>	Pearson Longmann	2008G
G.Slapper & D. Kelly	<i>English Legal System</i>	Routledge Cavendish	2009

Recommended Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year
Michael Zander	<i>Cases & Materials on English Legal System</i>	Cambridge Press	2007
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
ATH Smith	<i>Glanville Williams Learning the Law</i>	Sweet & Maxwell	2006