



Course Syllabus

Course Code LAW-157	Course Title Law and Religion	ECTS Credits 6
Prerequisites -	Department Law	Semester Fall/Spring
Type of Course Elective	Field Law (Civil, Public)	Language of Instruction English
Level of Course 1 st Cycle	Lecturer Dr Ioannis E. Kastanas	Year of Study 3, 4
Mode of Delivery Face to face	Work Placement -	Corequisites -

Course Objectives:

The main objectives of the course are to:

- Develop for students the theory and practice of law and religion
- Introduce the concept of co-ordination, church and state relations and canon law
- Introduce the legislation and case-law concerning religious freedom

Learning Outcomes:

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

- Examine the history, nature and scope of law and religion.
- Appraise the constitutional status of religious communities
- Assess the rules and principles governing individual religious freedom, organizational and collective religious freedom.
- Explain the rules governing education and religion, and financing and religion
- State the rules for the protection of individual within religious communities.
- Assess the rules of international law concerning religious freedom.

Course Content:

- Typology of relations between State and Church
- Constitutional position of religion in United Kingdom and France
- Individual religious freedom according to UK law, European Convention on Human Rights, European Union law.
- Collective religious freedom according to UK law, European Convention on Human Rights, European Union's law.
- Wearing of religious clothing and symbols
- Religious freedom, family and education of children
- Directive 2000/78/CE — Equal treatment — Difference of treatment on grounds of religion or belief .
- Coronavirus and religion
- Bioethics
- Religion and personal data
- Religion and terrorism
- Protection of animals at the time of killing — Particular methods of slaughter prescribed by religious rites

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Interactive lectures, group assignments, case-study analysis, audio-visual material

Assessment Methods:

Assignments, Mid-term, final Exam, Participation

Required Textbooks / Readings:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Religion and the Public Order of the European Union	Ronan McCrea	Oxford and New York, Oxford University Press	2010	978-0-19-959535-8
Law and the Wearing of Religious Symbols: European Bans on the Wearing of Religious Symbols in Education	Dr Erica Howard	London, Routledge	2020	ISBN 9781032088754

Recommended Textbooks / Readings:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Religion and Law in Cyprus. 3 ed.	A.C. Emilianides	The Hague: Kluwer	2019	978-90-411-3369-4