



# UNIVERSITY OF NICOSIA

## ΠΑΝΕΠΙΣΤΗΜΙΟ ΛΕΥΚΩΣΙΑΣ

University of Nicosia, Cyprus

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| <b>Course Code</b><br>LAW-165           | <b>Course Title</b><br>Legal Anthropology | <b>ECTS Credits</b><br>6                  |
| <b>Department</b><br>Law                | <b>Semester</b><br>Fall, Spring           | <b>Prerequisites</b><br>None              |
| <b>Type of Course</b><br>Elective       | <b>Field</b><br>Anthropology/Sociology    | <b>Language of Instruction</b><br>English |
| <b>Level of Course</b><br>Undergraduate | <b>Year of Study</b><br>1 <sup>st</sup>   | <b>Lecturer</b><br>Dr Evi Eftychiou       |
| <b>Mode of Delivery</b><br>Face-to-face | <b>Work Placement</b><br>N/A              | <b>Co-requisites</b><br>None              |

### Objectives of the Course:

The main objectives of the course are to:

- provide a broad overview of the field of legal anthropology - the comparative study of law, legal institutions, and other modes of dispute processing and regulation, in both contemporary and historical cultural settings
- introduce current debates related to anthropology and law
- reflect critically on each student's culture and legal framework

### Learning Outcomes:

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

1. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the practical and theoretical benefits anthropology to law and vice versa
2. Cultivate a fundamental capacity for understanding law, legal institutions, disputes and dispute processing and regulation through anthropological theories and findings
3. Have the ability to decode unfamiliar and familiar cultures and an ability to interpret "difference" in cultural context
4. Give written and oral presentations on related issues and be able to organize the available time and cope with deadlines;
5. Have the learning skills to allow them to continue education in a self-directed manner and to work on an academic level within the intended professional field.
6. Make efficient use of libraries, bibliographical material and academic research.

### Course Contents:

1. What is culture? (Characteristics of culture & introduction to social anthropology)
2. Introduction to legal anthropology
3. Political Organization (Power and social control, conflict management and resolution)
4. Order, disputes and legal pluralism

- 5. Law as an intellectual system
- 6. Colonialism and hegemonic processes of law
- 7. Human rights: universalism Vs. cultural relativism

**Teaching Methods:**

Lectures, Class discussions, Debates, Films/Documentaries.

**Assessment Methods:**

Midterm, Debate, Class Participation, Final Exam.

**Required Textbooks:**

| Authors        | Title                          | Publisher               | Year | ISBN              |
|----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|------|-------------------|
| Pirie Fernanda | <i>The Anthropology of Law</i> | Oxford University Press | 2013 | 978-0-19-969685-7 |

**Recommended Textbooks/Reading:**

| Authors                                     | Title                         | Publisher      | Year | ISBN        |
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| James M. Donovan and H. Edwin Anderson, III | <i>Anthropology &amp; Law</i> | Berghahn Books | 2003 | 1-57181-423 |