



# UNIVERSITY OF NICOSIA ΠΑΝΕΠΙΣΤΗΜΙΟ ΛΕΥΚΩΣΙΑΣ

University of Nicosia, Cyprus

<b>Course Code</b> LAW-211	<b>Course Title</b> Law of Torts I	<b>ECTS Credits</b> 6
<b>Department</b> Law	<b>Semester</b> Fall	<b>Prerequisites</b> Two from LAW-100, LAW-122/6, LAW-132 and LAW-142/6
<b>Type of Course</b> Major Requirement	<b>Field</b> Law	<b>Language of Instruction</b> English
<b>Level of Course</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Cycle	<b>Year of Study</b> 2nd	<b>Lecturer(s)</b> Dr. Sofia Mateou / Dr Achilles Emilianides
<b>Mode of Delivery</b> Face-to-face	<b>Work Placement</b> N/A	<b>Co-requisites</b> None

## Objectives of the Course:

Law of Torts I is designed to lay the foundation for a study of tort law concepts and development. Students will examine the tort of negligence and its elements, namely the duty of care, the breach of duty and the resultant damages including the role of causation. The students will further examine specific problem areas of negligence such as economic loss and nervous shock.

## Learning Outcomes:

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

1. Analyse the general concepts of liability
2. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the principles of negligence pertaining to the duty of care, breach of duty, causation and remoteness
3. Discuss specific problems in the context of negligence, with particular regard to omissions and the liability of public bodies and officials
4. Evaluate the applicability of the principles of negligence in relation to nervous shock and the legal impact on primary and secondary victims
5. Determine the applicability of the principles of negligence in relation to economic loss
6. Assess the availability of defences in the tort of negligence
7. Evaluate the need for acquiring problem-solving skills with a view to applying legal principles to factual situations and scenarios

## Course Content:

During the course, the student will cover the following areas:

1. Introduction to Tort

2. General Principles of Liability - Intention, fault, policy, negligence, strict liability; motive and malice; Joint and Several Liability
3. Introduction to Negligence - The duty of care; Donoghue v Stevenson and its effect on the common law; The Principle in Hedley Byrne & Associated Principles
4. Negligence – Duty of care: The Caparo Test; Development of the duty: the concepts of proximity and ‘fair’, just and reasonable: the role of policy
5. Specific problems: Omissions, the significance of relationships; the role of third parties; liability of public bodies and officials,
6. Specific problems – Nervous Shock
7. Specific problems - Economic Loss
8. Breach of the Duty and proof of negligence
9. Causation - Remoteness of Damage; Causation in fact, Legal Causation;
10. Defences

**Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:**

Interactive lectures, tutorials, written examinations and assignments

**Assessment Methods:**

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

**Required Textbooks/Reading:**

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year
John Cooke	Law of Tort	Pearson	2009
Richard Kidner	Casebook on Torts	Oxford	2010

**Recommended Textbooks/Reading:**

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year
Rogers, ed	Winfield & Jolowicz on Torts	Sweet & Maxwell	2010
Dugdale et al	Clerk & Lindsell on Torts	Sweet & Maxwell	2009
Catherine Elliott, Frances Quinn	Tort Law	Longman	2009