



# UNIVERSITY OF NICOSIA ΠΑΝΕΠΙΣΤΗΜΙΟ ΛΕΥΚΩΣΙΑΣ

University of Nicosia, Cyprus

<b>Course Code</b> LAW-281	<b>Course Title</b> Company Law I	<b>ECTS Credits</b> 6
<b>Department</b> Law	<b>Semester</b> Fall	<b>Prerequisites</b> LAW-132, plus one other from LAW-100, LAW-122/6 and LAW-142/6
<b>Type of Course</b> Law Elective	<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> 2 <sup>nd</sup> / 3 <sup>rd</sup> / 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Lecturer(s)</b> Peter Pafitis
<b>Mode of Delivery</b> Face-to-face	<b>Work Placement</b> N/A	<b>Co-requisites</b> None

### Objectives of the Course:

To introduce the student to the nature, implications and consequences of legal and corporate personality, to examine the rules and principles which govern the formation, administration and the functioning of a company, as well as the relations between the company and outsiders and between the company and its members/shareholders.

### Learning Outcomes:

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

1. Explain the different forms of business organizations
2. Demonstrate the implications of, and the formalities required for, the formation of a limited company
3. State the key differences between different types of corporate entities and grasp the concepts, implications and consequences of corporate personality and limited liability
4. Demonstrate an understanding of the circumstances in which the veil of incorporation will be lifted by the judiciary and by Parliament
5. Discuss the duties of promoters and assess the principles governing pre-incorporation contracts
6. Demonstrate knowledge of principles applicable to the memorandum and articles of association of a company
7. Assess the responsibility of a company for tortious and criminal action
8. Explain the need for acquiring problem-solving skills with a view to applying legal principles to factual situations and scenarios

**Course Content:**

Introduction, Forms of Business Organization The Nature of Legal Personality Lifting the Veil of Incorporation Company formation, Promoters & Pre-incorporation contacts Articles / Memorandum of Association Attributing responsibility to a company for tortious & Criminal actions
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**Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:**

Interactive lectures, tutorials, written examinations and assignments
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**Assessment Methods:**

One written assignment or oral presentation, mid-term exam and final exam.
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**Required Textbooks/Reading:**

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year/Edition
John Lowry & Alan Dignam	<i>Company Law</i>	Oxford University Press	2010
Charles Wild & Stuart Weinstein	<i>Smith &amp; Keenan's Company Law</i>	Pearson	14 <sup>th</sup> Edition

**Recommended Textbooks/Reading:**

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year/Edition
Brenda Hannigan	<i>Company Law</i>	Oxford	2 <sup>nd</sup> Edition
David Kershow	<i>Company Law in Context</i>	Oxford	2009
Derek French	Blackstone's Statutes on Co. Law	Oxford	2008
LS Sealy & Sarah Worthington	<i>Cases &amp; Materials in Co. Law</i>	Oxford	9 <sup>th</sup> Edition
Nicolas Bourne	<i>Bourne on Company Law</i>	Routledge	5 <sup>th</sup> Edition
Hannigan & Prentice	<i>The Companies Act 2006 – A Commentary</i>	Butterworth	2 <sup>nd</sup> Edition
Stephen Griffin	<i>Company Law – Fundamental Principles</i>	Longman	4 <sup>th</sup> Edition
Professor Paul Davies	<i>The Principles of Modern Company Law</i>	Sweet & Maxwell Press	8 <sup>th</sup> Edition
The City Law School	<i>Company Law in Practice</i>	Oxford Press	8 <sup>th</sup> Edition
L. Sealy & Sarah Worthington	<i>Cases &amp; Materials in Company Law</i>	Oxford Press	9 <sup>th</sup> Edition