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University of Nicosia, Cyprus

Course Code LAW-320	Course Title Internet Law	ECTS Credits 6
Department Law	Semester Fall / Spring	Prerequisites Two from LAW-202, LAW-212, LAW-242 and LAW-252/6
Type of Course Law Elective	Field Law	Language of Instruction English
Level of Course 1 st Cycle	Year of Study 3 rd / 4 th	Lecturer(s) None assigned
Mode of Delivery Face-to-face	Work Placement N/A	Co-requisites None

Objectives of the Course:

The law adjusts with society. Information technology, limited to a very few specialists in the field 20 years ago, not only now requires legal regulation, but has become a new arena for criminals also. Data protection is no longer, largely, a concern for government vis-à-vis its citizens. The music industry has been dogged by violation of its intellectual property rights. Of course, the internet has become a new medium for the printed word, with all that that entails.

Learning Outcomes:

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

1. Assess the challenges to our right to privacy in light of the opportunities for abuse that new technology has provided.
2. Evaluate the effectiveness of the supervisory mechanism established to maintain the protection of data.
3. Discuss the bases for the principles behind data protection.
4. Assess the avenues available for fighting internet crime and the effectiveness of those employed to date.
5. Explain the importance of intellectual property law to a new medium such as the internet.
6. Assess whether the 'Wild West' atmosphere of the virtual world is sustainable and how this might affect the (international) legal framework.
7. Discuss the civil wrongs that can be committed by users of the internet under the law of obligations.
8. Demonstrate the ever greater blurring between municipal and international law.

Course Content:

During the course, the student will cover the following:

1. Privacy, technology, and surveillance.
2. The emergence of data protection; the scope of data protection; supervisory agencies.
3. The data protection principles; individual rights and remedies; sectoral aspects of data protection.
4. Transborder data flows.
5. The phenomenon of computer-related crime; legislating for computer crime; computer forgery and fraud; the internet and computer pornography; detecting and prosecuting computer crime.
6. Intellectual property law; key elements of the patent system; patents and software; copyright protection; copyright in the information society.
7. Protection of databases; trade mark and domain name issues; competition and intellectual property issues.
8. Internet regulation and the rise, fall, and rise of .com.
9. International and European initiatives in e-commerce.
10. Cryptography, electronic signatures, and the Electronic Communications Act 2000.
11. Contractual liability for defective software; non-contractual liability.
12. Defamation and the internet.

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Interactive lectures, tutorials, written examinations and assignments

Assessment Methods:

One written assignment, mid-term exam, final exam

Required Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year
Ian J. Lloyd	Information Technology Law (fifth edition)	Oxford	2008

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Andrew Murray	Information Technology Law: The law and society (first edition)	Oxford	2010