



# UNIVERSITY OF NICOSIA ΠΑΝΕΠΙΣΤΗΜΙΟ ΛΕΥΚΩΣΙΑΣ

University of Nicosia, Cyprus

<b>Course Code</b> LAW-395	<b>Course Title</b> Air Law I	<b>ECTS Credits</b> 6
<b>Department</b> Law	<b>Semester</b> Fall	<b>Prerequisites</b> LAW-212, plus one other from LAW-202, LAW-242 and LAW-252/6
<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> 3 <sup>rd</sup> / 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Lecturer(s)</b> Dr. Sofia Mateou
<b>Mode of Delivery</b> Face-to-face	<b>Work Placement</b> N/A	<b>Co-requisites</b> None

## Objectives of the Course:

Air Law I provides an introduction to the field of Air Law. The first part of the course deals with national and international organizations. It provides a general introduction to the comparative approach in air law and applies some basic concepts of the two legal systems-civil law and common law and outlines the principles and rules of international law relevant to the use of air law and aviation. The specific topics include the analysis of codified international air law instruments such as the Convention on International Civil Aviation - The Chicago Convention of 1944 and its amendments and other sources of international air law.

## Learning Outcomes:

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

1. Explain the general principles and the significance of air law
2. Discuss the sources of air law and explain their importance on air law
3. Demonstrate an appreciation of how the general legal principles of contract law, the law of tort and criminal law impact on air law
4. Explain the differences between a pilot in command and a co-pilot and understand the implications of their respective legal status
5. State the importance of the Chicago Convention and evaluate the extent to which it impacts on the freedom rights
6. Appraise the provisions of the Tokyo Convention with due regard to aviation security and crimes committed on board an aircraft
7. Examine the key safety aspects in relation to the operation of an aircraft
8. Identify 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 study the following:

1. Introduction to Air Law and General Principles of Law and Air Law
2. The Sources of International Air Law
3. Contract Law and Air Law
4. Law of Tort and Air Law
5. Criminal Law and Air Law
6. The Legal Status of Aircraft Commander
7. The Chicago Convention
8. Freedom Rights
9. Aviation Security - Tokyo Convention
10. Aviation Crimes - Unruly passengers; rights of the crew and Unlawful interference with crew
11. Aviation Safety

**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
Michaelides-Mateou. S	Air Law: A Practical Perspective	Sakkoulas	2010
Nicholas I.H.Ph. Diederiks – Verschoor	An Introduction to Air Law	Kluwer Law International	2001

**Recommended Textbooks/Reading:**

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year
Shawcross & Beaumont	Air Law	Butterworths	2010
	Air & Space Law Journal	Kluwer	