



# UNIVERSITY OF NICOSIA ΠΑΝΕΠΙΣΤΗΜΙΟ ΛΕΥΚΩΣΙΑΣ

University of Nicosia, Cyprus

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| <b>Course Code</b><br>LAW-396                   | <b>Course Title</b><br>Air Law II                         | <b>ECTS Credits</b><br>6                  |
| <b>Department</b><br>Law                        | <b>Semester</b><br>Spring                                 | <b>Prerequisites</b><br>LAW-395           |
| <b>Type of Course</b><br>Law Elective           | <b>Field</b><br>Law                                       | <b>Language of Instruction</b><br>English |
| <b>Level of Course</b><br>1 <sup>st</sup> Cycle | <b>Year of Study</b><br>3 <sup>rd</sup> / 4 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Lecturer(s)</b><br>Dr. Sofia Mateou    |
| <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 second semester will examine, in particular, the liability of the air carrier towards passengers under the Warsaw Convention of 1929, as amended and supplemented by several other instruments in force or under discussion in the international community. The third and final part of the course deals with product liability and the investigation of aviation accidents and serious incidents.

### Learning Outcomes:

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

1. Explain the circumstances in which the crew may be apportioned liability
2. Assess the circumstances which give rise to an 'accident' in terms of the Warsaw Convention and the nature of the liability of an air carrier
3. Discuss the liability of a carrier in the event of compensation for injury /death and for delays and cancellations of a flight
4. Demonstrate an appreciation of the official accident investigation process
5. Explain the significance of the final report in light of the provisions of ICAO Annex 13
6. Discuss the possible legal, administrative and other ramifications subsequent to an aviation accident
7. Evaluate the law relating to product/manufacturers liability
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. Liability Issues - The Liability of the Pilot in Command and the co-pilot

2. Liability Issues - Liability of an air carrier
3. Warsaw Convention and 'accidents'
4. Compensation for injury/ death
5. Compensation for delays and cancellations
6. Serious accidents / Incidents - Investigation bodies; Methods and process of investigation
7. The official accident Report – Purpose; Compilation; Subsequent use
8. Function of Annex 13 and adoption by member states; Role fulfilled?
9. Possible consequences (administrative; legal; other) subsequent to an aviation accident or incident
10. Product / Manufacturers Liability

**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 |
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| Shawcross & Beaumont | Air Law                 | Butterworths | 2010 |
|                      | Air & Space Law Journal | Kluwer       |      |