



Course Syllabus

Course Code MLAW-538DE	Course Title Immigration Law and Asylum Policy	ECTS Credits 10
Prerequisites None	Department Law	Semester Fall/Spring
Type of Course Elective	Field Human Rights and Social Justice	Language of Instruction English
Level of Course 2 nd Cycle	Lecturer(s) Dr Georgios Tsaousis	Year of Study 1 st
Mode of Delivery Distance Learning	Work Placement N/A	Co-requisites None

Objectives of the Course:

The course is designed to acquaint students with aspects of immigration and refugee law, highlighting the relevant EU and ECHR legal framework. The above developments adopt a comparative perspective, while mostly emphasizing on the following key-matters: distinctions between various categories of immigrants, such as regular/non-regular immigrants, asylum-seekers/refugees/subsidiary protection holders, rights and obligations of the above categories of persons, immigration and asylum policies applied by the EU, immigration and refugee law and its intersections with other legal fields, such as criminal and administrative law.

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to:

1. Have gained good knowledge of the crucial notions, general principles and the normative framework, related to immigration and refugee law
2. Demonstrate understanding of the socio-political implications and the background debates concerning the above subject matters
3. Be able to formulate well-reasoned and coherent arguments and resolve practical case-studies related to the above fields

Course Contents:

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The UN Geneva Convention relating to the Status of Refugees – Historical background, field of application 2. The right to seek asylum, under the European Convention of Human Rights and the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the E.U. 3. Asylum-seekers and refugees: Rights and Obligations 4. Regular and Non-Regular Immigrants: Distinctions-Legal Framework 5. Border Security, National Sovereignty and Human Rights 6. Refugees protection by other Regional Bodies: Comparative Studies 7. Special Issues 1: Immigration and Criminal Law 8. Special Issues 2: Immigration and Religious Freedom

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Lectures, Personal guidance, Case-study analysis, Video-streamed courses, Forum, Final exam

Assessment Methods:

Interim individual studies, Formative assessment activities, Final exam

Textbooks – Reading:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
<i>Immigrants and European Human Rights Law [in Greek]</i>	G. Ktistakis	Sakkoulas	2014	
<i>Law of Aliens [in Greek]</i>	Ε. Πουλαράκης – Ε. Ψωμιάδη	Nomiki Vivliothiki	2010	
<i>International Migration Law</i>	C. Vincent	Oxford University Press	2019	
<i>Citizenship and human rights [in Greek]</i>	Ch. Tragkas	Nomiki Vivliothiki	2019	

<i>The Law of Refugee Status, 2nd ed.</i>	James Hathaway – Michelle Foster	Cambridge University Press	2014	
<i>The Protection of Fundamental Rights in EU after Lisbon</i>	S. de Vries - U. Bernitz - S. Weatherill	Hart Publishing	2013	
<i>Refugee Protection: A Guide to International Refugee Law</i>	UNHCR	UNCHR Publications	2012	