



Course Syllabus

Course Code MLAW-539DE	Course Title European Law of Religion	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 Ioannis Kastanas	Year of Study 1 st
Mode of Delivery Distance Learning	Work Placement N/A	Co-requisites None

Course Objectives:

The main objectives of the course are that students:

- Acquire a deep understanding of comparative research as a methodological approach of legal science and European law of religions
- Evaluate the specificities of European law of religions as a subject which requires comparative study and knowledge of the legal systems of Member States
- Comparatively assess European law of religions and the efforts for harmonization of Member States' law
- Appreciate the problems and challenges of the process of harmonization of European law of religions
- Place the political choices made by the legislator and the judge in a proper legal theory and social sciences context
- Advance knowledge in the regulation of religion through the understanding of the various typologies of state and religion systems in Europe and religious freedom so as to enable further structured research

Learning Outcomes:

The student after completion of the course is expected to be able to:

- Utilise a comparative framework of analysis on state legislation and case law
- Employ a critical lens on the harmonization of the law of Member States within the Community framework
- Evaluate the various methods of legal understanding in a comparative environment
- Assess the legal rules in a multi-perspectival field.

Course Contents:

1. Typologies of Systems of Law and Religion
2. Freedom of Religion
3. Religious Minorities and their Protection
4. Labour Law and Religion
5. Family Law and Religion
6. Religion, Law and Politics
7. Financing of Religious Communities
8. Religion and Law in Dialogue
9. Religion in Criminal Law
10. Immigration and Religion
11. Religion and Discrimination Law
12. Comparative interreligious Law

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>Law and Religion in Europe: A Comparative Introduction</i>	N. Doe	OUP	2011	
<i>State and Church in the European Union, 3rd ed.</i>	G. Robbers (ed.)	Nomos	2019	
<i>Law and Religion in Cyprus, 3rd ed.</i>	A. Emilianides	Kluwer	2019	
<i>Religion and Discrimination Law in the European Union</i>	M. Hill (ed.)	Nomos	2011	
<i>Religion in Criminal Law</i>	M. Kottiranta (ed.)	Peeters	2013	
<i>Religious Freedom in the European Union</i>	A. Emilianides (ed.)	Peeters	2011	
<i>The Financing of Religious Communities in the EU</i>	S. Berlingo (ed.)	Peeters	2009	
<i>Law and Religion: New Horizons</i>	N. Doe, R. Sandberg	Peeters	2010	
<i>Religion and the Public Order of the European Union</i>	R. McCrea	OUP	2010	
<i>Law and Religion in the 21st Century</i>	S. Ferrari, R. Christofori, (eds)	Ashgate	2010	