

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

MODULE TITLE	INTRODUCTION TO CURRENT LEGAL ISSUES IN CYPRUS		
MODULE CODE	LW1113 (L4)	CREDIT VALUE	20 UK CREDITS / <u>10 ECTS</u>
SCHOOL	SCHOOL OF LAW		

MODULE AIMS

- Introduce students to questions of the purposes of law using current legal issues in Cyprus
- Introduce students to debates about the links between law and other concepts (ethics, morality, society, history, economics, etc.)
- Introduce students to reading primary sources of law in a given jurisdiction at all levels (national, European, international) and to a critical and questioning approach to this reading
- Introduce fundamental aspects of legal controversies in the Cypriot legal order, principles and doctrines applied in a specific context of current relevance
- Facilitate students in discussing topical legal issues
- Develop students' understanding of law as a 'real', evolving aspect of everyday life
- Develop students' abilities to express themselves at an appropriate academic level both verbally and in writing

MODULE CONTENT

Indicative syllabus content:

1. What is Law? What is a current issue in Law?
2. History and foundations of law in Cyprus.
3. Law, morality and society: trends in Cyprus.
4. Law and the courts.
5. Legal ethics.
6. Institutions and government of the Republic of Cyprus.
7. The EU law dimension in Cyprus.
8. The international law dimension in Cyprus.
9. Topical issues of Cyprus law and challenges ahead.
10. Law outside Cyprus: introduction to comparative perspectives.

INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

On successful completion of this module a student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate and describe the role of the law in current issues
 2. Demonstrate understanding of the basic legal provisions and case law for a given Cyprus law related topic
 3. Express an informed opinion in an appropriate manner based on basic primary sources of law
 4. State the arguments for and against a particular outcome in relation to key legal provisions and cases applying them
 5. Reflect on their own understanding of the issues raised in key legal provisions and cases applying them
 6. Demonstrate enhanced transferrable, legal and academic skills
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TEACHING METHODS

The module is delivered by means of weekly lectures and seminars.

Lectures highlight the key issues to be covered in the seminars. The primary object of lectures is to impart the information and elicit the understanding, which students can use as a base for their independent study directed to the requirements of the workshops.

Seminars are interactive sessions for groups of smaller groups of students, which take place approximately every two weeks. The students build upon their understanding, gained from the lectures by reading specified cases, Treaty provisions, journal articles and textbooks. The aims and learning outcomes of each individual workshop set out clearly for students the workshop tasks and activities.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

This module is assessed through a case report and a written assignment.

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

English (significant emphasis is placed on the Greek terminology)