

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

MODULE TITLE	CYPRUS PROPERTY LAW		
MODULE CODE	LW3114 (L6)	CREDIT VALUE	10 UK CREDITS / <u>5 ECTS</u>
SCHOOL	SCHOOL OF LAW		

MODULE AIMS

This module aims to:

- Explain and outline the inter-relationships between property law concepts and instruments in Cyprus (primarily the Immovable Property (Tenure, Registration and Valuation) Act, Chapter 224 of the Laws of Cyprus).
- Outline and explain:
 - the types of land in Cyprus
 - the legal terminology referred in and/or related to Cyprus property law
 - legal concepts relevant to property law in Cyprus such as hostile custody, easement, joint ownership, etc., and the legal framework, procedures and documentation relating to such concepts
 - the legal framework, procedures and documentation relating to rights attached to land in Cyprus
 - the concept of appeal in relation to property law issues, formalities, procedures, grounds, burden of proof, legal framework.
- Evaluate the application of property law in Cyprus.
- Demonstrate how to produce and draft relevant documentation.

MODULE CONTENT

1. Introduction, sources and overview of the Cyprus Land Ottoman Code and Chapter 224 of the Laws of Cyprus (Cap. 224).
2. Terminology related to Cyprus property law; legal research skills.
3. Types of land in Cyprus property law; classification.
4. Concept of “hostile custody” (εχθρική κατοχή) and its legal consequences in Cyprus property law.
5. Rights attached to land in Cyprus: possession, ownership, easements, etc.; scope and legal framework.
6. Tenure (διακατοχή) and joint ownership in Cypriot property law; scope and legal framework.
7. Appeal in Cyprus property law: formalities, procedures, grounds and burden of proof.
8. Cyprus property law in practice: selected aspects.
9. Legal drafting in Cyprus property law.

INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

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

1. Explain the concepts of property law and the meaning of the terminology used

2. Discuss the rights applicable to land in Cyprus and select an appropriate comparative legal framework for explaining these rights

3. Review and draft relevant documentation and comply with formalities as set out in the law

4. Analyse the relationship and interaction between domestic and foreign property law of relevance to Cyprus

5. Explain the procedural rules available in respect of property law in Cyprus and evaluate critically any legal challenges made to these rules

6. Demonstrate enhanced transferable, legal and academic skills

TEACHING METHODS

The module will utilise a variety of learning strategies designed to place the student at the centre of the learning process. The module will encourage student learning by participation and independent research as well as developing problem solving and analytical skills.

A module handbook will be compiled, consisting of lecture outlines, seminar tasks and further recommended reading.

Seminars will take the form of interactive sessions making use of case studies and discussion points to enhance the student's ability to solve problems and investigate issues. Students will be expected to have independently researched topics for discussion and to come prepared to respond and participate in an open and active discussion of questions and problem scenarios.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

This module is assessed through a written assignment.

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

English (significant emphasis is placed on the Greek terminology)