Global Learning Semesters
Course Syllabus
Course: LAW-100 Legal Skills
Department: Law
Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus

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Course Summary		
Course Code	**Course Title**	**Recommended Credit Hours**
LAW-100	Legal Skills	3
Semester Offered	**Contact Hours**	**Prerequisites**
Fall or Spring	42	None
Department	**Level of Course**	**Language of Instruction**
Law	Lower Division	English

Course Description

Legal research. Using the law library and other resources. Reading cases, extracting the legal rule from the case, the doctrine of precedent. Statutory interpretation, familiarity with legal terminology, answering legal problems, using authority. The ability to communicate and manipulate legal material in both written and verbal situations. Computer skills. Using the computer to research and to prepare documents. Learning skills. Function of lectures, seminars and other group learning. Reading and note-making, listening and note-taking. Essay writing. Working in groups. Oral presentations.

Instructor

Ms Sofia Michaelides

Course Aims and Objectives

Course is designed to enable the student to learn effectively; to develop skills of written and oral communication, and argument; to support substantive law courses by developing the ability to discover, interpret and apply legal rules; to engender a critical approach to the study of law; and to introduce the student to both computers in general and legal databases in particular.

Teaching Methods

The course is delivered through a mixture of lectures, presentations, and practical exercises and assignments.

Course Teaching Hours

42 hours (28 hours lectures/presentations + 14 hours library work). The course is delivered during the Fall and Spring semesters in 14-weeks (3 hours/week).

Evaluation and Grading

Homework: 50%

Mid-Term Presentation:	20%
Final Presentation:	30%

Readings and Resources

Required Textbook
Evans and L. Perks, Legal Skills and System Textbook, Old Bailey Press, 1997
J.N. Adams, R. Brownsword, Understanding Law, 2nd ed., Sweet & Maxwell, 1999

Recommended Reading
M. Fox, Learning Legal Skills, 3rd ed., Blackstone Press, 1999
P.A. Thomas and J. Knowles, Dane and Thomas: How to Use a Law Library, 4th ed., Sweet & Maxwell, 2001
M. Costanzo, Problem Solving, Cavendish Publishing, 1994