

## Global Learning Semesters

### Course Syllabus

Course: LAW-101 Legal Institutions in Cyprus

Department: Law

Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
LAW-101	Legal Institutions in Cyprus	3
Semester Offered	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
Please contact us	42-45	None
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
Law	Lower Division	English

### Course Description

The course is designed to examine the historical and institutional evolution of law in Cyprus and its adaptation and operation in modern Cypriot society. The early elements of law will be discussed reaching back to early antiquity, Hellenistic and the Roman periods. Furthermore, the evolution of Byzantine law in Cyprus will be examined until the twelfth century, as well as the meaning of the Byzantine codification in Cyprus. Regarding the Frankish period, special emphasis will be given to the Assizes of Cyprus; some principles of Ottoman law will be examined within the framework of Ottoman rule in Cyprus. The application of common law in Cyprus will be examined in detail, beginning with British rule. The current legal norms in present day Cyprus will be traced back to their origins, a critique of the situation and opinions will be discussed extensively with respect to present and future situations.

### Prerequisites

None

### Topic Areas

- The background of ancient Greek and Hellenistic law.
- Roman law in Cyprus.
- Byzantine legal sources (Corpus Juris Civilis – Ecloga-Hexabiblos of Harmenopoulos).
- The Frankish period (the Assizes).
- The Ottoman period and the Islamic and Ottoman legal institutions – the Evkaf.
- British rule and the application of common law.
- The period of independence and the law applicable since 1960.
- The future of legal institutions in Cyprus.

### Readings and Resources

#### Required Textbook

- Lecturer's Notes.

#### Recommended Reading

- C. Tornaritis, Institutions of Civil Law in Cyprus, Nicosia, 1975.

