

Global Learning Semesters

Course Syllabus

Course: LAW-141 English Legal System I

Department: Law

Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
LAW-141	English Legal System I	3
Semester Offered	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
Fall	42	None
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
Law	Lower Division	English

Course Description

1. The development of the Common Law.
2. The sources of English Law.
3. The Court structure.
4. Judges and judicial reasoning: the judiciary, the magistracy.
5. The legal profession.
6. The doctrine of judicial precedent.
7. Interpretation of statutes.
8. Alternate Dispute Resolution and Tribunals.

Instructor

Ms Sofia Michaelides

Course Aims and Objectives

To give a clear picture of the development of the English law throughout nine centuries; to outline the court structure and to examine the role of the judge and judicial reasoning; to guide the student through towards the trial process, to be covered during the second semester.

Teaching Methods

The course is delivered through a mixture of lectures, discussions, presentations, and problem-solving activities.

Course Teaching Hours

42 hours (30 hours of lectures, 12 hours of seminars/tutorials and student-led presentation/seminars). The course is delivered during the Fall semester in 14 weeks (3 hours/week).

Evaluation and Grading

Assigned work:	25%
Interim tests:	25%
Final Exam:	50%

Readings and Resources

Required Textbook

G. Slapper & D. Kelly, *The English Legal System*, 5th ed., Cavendish, 2001

Recommended Reading

S.H. Bailey and M. J. Gunn; *Smith, Bailey & Gunn on the Modern English Legal System*, 4th ed., 1996, Sweet & Maxwell

M Zander, *Cases and Materials on the English Legal System*, 8th ed., Butterworths, 1999