

Global Learning Semesters

Course Syllabus

Course: LAW-303 Immigration Law & Policy

Department: Law

Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
LAW-303	Immigration Law & Policy	3
Semester Offered	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
Fall	42	Sophomore standing
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
Law	Upper Division	English

Course Description

1. Nature and Mechanisms of Immigration Control (Introduction). Context of Immigration in EU, Britain and Cyprus; historical background of migration to and from Europe.
2. EU and Immigration Law; role of EU law and policy in national Immigration legislation; main EU provisions regarding immigration, freedom of movement in EEA, immigration to EU by non-EU nationals; Association Agreements; future developments.
3. ECHR and EU law; rights of immigrants and special protection of Asylum seekers; right to nationality
4. British immigration, nationality and asylum law; legal framework; main instruments; the effect of EU provisions on British law; the HRA 1998 and the IAA 1999, the appeal systems.
5. Cyprus immigration nationality and asylum; Cyprus constitutional arrangements and colonial instruments; proposals for reform; EU accession dimension.

Instructor

Dr Nicos Trimikliniotis

Course Aims and Objectives

The course aims to examine the policy aims and formulation, the legal content as well as the process and practices in immigration in these three contexts as they are becoming more and more inter-related. Immigration law is increasingly an area which the EU is legislating and there is a process of 'streamlining' and harmonizing legislation as immigration has been moved from the third pillar into a first pillar. British law (English and Scottish), especially after the incorporation of the European Convention of Human Rights, in the form of the Human Rights Act 1998 (HRA 1998), as well as the introduction of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (IAA 1999).

Teaching Methods

The course is delivered through a mixture of lectures, discussions, and presentations.

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

Blake, N. and Fransmann, L, Immigration, Nationality and Asylum under the Human rights Act 1998, Butterworth, London, 1999

Recommended Reading

JCWI, Immigration, Nationality and Refugee Handbook (edited by Mick Chatwick), JCWI, London, 2001