

Global Learning Semesters

Course Syllabus

Course: LAW-365 Comparative Law I

Department: Law

Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
LAW-365	Comparative Law I	3
Semester Offered	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
Fall	42	Sophomore standing
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
Law	Upper Division	English

Course Description

1. The Nature of a Foreign Law Problem. The Comparative Method. Foreign Law in National Courts.
2. Common Law and Civil Law--Comparison of Methods and Sources. Common Law and Civil Law Jurisdictions Distinguished. Procedure in Civil Law Countries. Substantive Law.
3. Topical Approach to the Civil Law. Illustrations. Agency. Corporations and Other Business Organizations. Conflict of Laws.
4. Special Hazards of Comparative Law. Language, Classifications, Practical Difficulties.

Instructor

Dr Kaniye S A Ebeku

Course Aims and Objectives

Course designed to introduce students to the methods of comparative law and to its use as a tool in the making of law at national, regional and international levels.

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

K. Zweigert & H. Kotz, Introduction to Comparative Law, 3rd edition, Clarendon, 1998

Recommended Reading

P. De Cruz, Comparative Law in a Changing World, 2nd ed., Cavendish, 1999

R.B. Schlesinger, et al, Comparative Law: Cases, Text, Materials, University Casebook Series, 1998

M A Glendon, et al, Comparative Legal Traditions: Text, Materials, and Cases on Civil Law, Common Law, and Socialist Law Traditions, with special reference to French, West German, English, and Soviet Law, West Pub Co, 198