

Global Learning Semesters

Course Syllabus

Course: LAW-375 Competition Law

Department: Law

Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
LAW-375	Competition Law	3
Semester Offered	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
Fall	42	Sophomore standing
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
Law	Upper Division	English

Course Description

Overview of EC and UK competition law. Article 81. Article 82. The obligations of Member states under the EC competition rules. Articles 81 & 82: enforcement by the European Commission. Articles 81 & 82: enforcement in the courts of Member States; Competition Act 1998 - substantive divisions. Competition Act 1998: enforcement and procedure; The monopoly provisions of the Fair Trading Act 1973; The international dimension of competition law; Horizontal agreements - cartels. Horizontal agreements - oligopoly, tacit collusion and collective dominance. Horizontal agreements - cooperation agreements; Vertical agreements. Abuse of dominance: non-pricing practices. Abuse of dominance: pricing practices; The relationship between intellectual property rights and competition law; Mergers: Introduction. Mergers: EC Law. Mergers: UK Law.

Instructor

Mr. Alexandros Economou

Course Aims and Objectives

The course aims to provide students with an in-depth and up-to-date knowledge of EC Competition Law, with systematic reference to the constituent provisions of UK competition law and particular reference to the multi-jurisdictional efforts and initiatives (most notably, the European Competition Network and the International Competition Network); regard will also be had to the imminent enlargement and its effect on the EU competition regime, with emphasis on the harmonization, implementation and enforcement of the *acquis communautaire* by Cyprus; the course will also reflect the many recent developments: the Vertical Restraints Regulation, the 'Motor Vehicle' Regulation, the imminent 'new Reg. 17', which is to take effect on the 1st of May 2004 and the accompanying Modernisation Package, and an insight behind the workings of the new Merger Control regime.

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

Whish, R, Competition Law, 5th ed, 2003, Butterworths Law

Recommended Reading

Bellamy & Child, European Community Law of Competition, Sweet & Maxwell, 2001

Furse, M, Competition law of the UK and EC, OUP, 2002

Jones, A and Suffrin, B, EC Competition Law, OUP, 2001