Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Faculty of Law

Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)

Course Syllabus

1. Course Information

- **Title:** Administrative Law
- **Code:** LLB16
- **ECTS:** 6
- **Hours per week:** 4
- **Academic Year:** 4th
- **Teaching Period:** Spring Semester
- **Mode of Delivery:** Face-to-Face
- **Language of Instruction/Assessment:** English
- **Course Type:** Mandatory

2. Course Description

This course introduces students to the basic concepts, regulatory aspects and development of administrative law through a comparative approach at the national, EU and international level. Key topics include administrative bodies, the Law of administrative acts, administrative contracts and basic elements of administrative organization law. The course draws on examples from both continental and common law traditions, as well as from EU, European and international law. The Greek administrative organization is analyzed as a representative case within the continental system, allowing for reflection on similarities and differences between legal systems. Students will engage in theoretical discussions and practical institutional arrangements,

acquiring the tools to understand public law not only as a domestic science, but also as a transnational field shaped by common principles and rules.

3. Keywords

Public administration, administrative acts, public interest, administrative agencies, administrative contracts, administrative comparative law.

4. Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. **Define** core administrative concepts, such as public administration, administrative act, administrative contract and independent administrative authorities. *(Remembering)*
2. **Explain** administrative organization, administrative procedures and practices in different legal systems. *(Understanding)*
3. **Apply** principles of administrative interpretation to hypothetical or real-world legal and political scenarios. *(Applying)*
4. **Compare and contrast** administrative organization across selected civil and common law jurisdictions. *(Analysing)*
5. **Critically evaluate** the effectiveness of administrative mechanisms in safeguarding democratic governance and individual rights in relation to recent major public policy challenges, such as the economic, pandemic and the climate crisis. *(Evaluating)*.

5. General Skills to Be Acquired

- Apply knowledge in practice
- Retrieve, analyse, and synthesise data and information
- Adapt to new situations
- Make decisions
- Work in an international context
- Work in an interdisciplinary team
- Generate new research ideas
- Appreciate diversity and multiculturalism

- Respect the natural environment
- Be critical and self-critical
- Advance free, creative, and causative thinking

6. Course Content (Topics)

1. **Historical development of administrative law**

Outlines the historical development of administrative law which is described as the achievement of legal liberalism in Europe and in common law countries: from absolutism to parliamentarianism until the present time.

2. **Fundamental concepts: Administrative law and public administration**

Introduces students to the concept and fundamental regulatory aspects of administrative law rules such as the rationalization of public authority and the pursuit of public interest. Analyzes the concept and aspects of public administration, in terms of sovereign, provisioning, regulatory and transactional administration.

3. **The sources of administrative law**

Focus on the supranational sources of administrative law: primarily, the International law and the European Convention on Human Rights, secondly, the European administrative law, which reflects the fundamental principle of the "procedural autonomy" of Member States and the principles of uniform and effective application of Union law. Explains the national sources of administrative law such as the national constitution, statutory law, general principles and the case law of national administrative courts.

4. **Administrative competence and administrative bodies**

Explores the concept and types of administrative authority, with an emphasis on distinguishing between the binding and discretionary powers of administration. Analyzes the concept and types of administrative bodies with an emphasis on the general rules governing collective bodies.

5. **Law of administrative acts**

Analyzes the concept, characteristics and types of administrative acts, the procedure for issuing administrative acts and the possible participation of private individuals in this process including the defects of administrative acts and the rules for their revocation.

6. **Administrative contracts**

Examines the concept of administrative contracts, the rules governing the process of concluding, executing and terminating administrative contracts, emphasizing the distinction between administrative and public contracts as regulated by EU law.

7. **Control of administrative action**

Distinguishes between external control: parliamentary, judicial and control by independent administrative authorities; and internal control by the administration: hierarchical control, administrative supervision and administrative appeals.

8. **Basic elements of administrative organization law**

Surveys the concept of the legal personality of the state: ministerial administration, legal entities governed by public law, legal entities governed by private law in the public sector and independent bodies. Particular emphasis is given to independent administrative authorities derived from international and EU law.

9. **Non-contractual liability of public administration**

Studies the conditions for the administrative body's non-contractual liability for unlawful acts or omissions in the performance of its duties, which resulted in damage, with emphasis on the concept of causal link and the possibility of an exclusion clause. In this context, the focus is at compensation and personal liability of the administrative body.

10. **Administrative comparative law**

Offers a comparative analysis of administrative systems in different countries, focusing on: differences and similarities in administrative organization, procedures and practices in different legal systems, and comparison between French, German, English and Greek administrative law.

7. Teaching Methods

- Lectures.
- Case law workshops.
- Student presentations and structured debate.
- Guided reading and legal reasoning exercises.

8. Assessment Methods

Method	Weight	Description
Final Written Exam	70%	Essay-type and case-based questions
Mid-Term Assignment/Presentation	20%	Individual or group-based
Participation and Engagement	10%	Constructive attendance, preparedness, contribution

Note: A minimum final exam score of 50% is required to pass.

9. A. Ethics

Students are reminded that all submitted work must comply with the University's academic integrity policy. Plagiarism or unauthorised collaboration will result in disciplinary measures.

B. Course Policies

- Attendance is strongly encouraged.
- All assignments must be submitted on time via the designated platform.
- Special accommodations will be made for students with documented learning or health needs in accordance with university policy.

10. Use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)

- **Use in Teaching:** (e.g. digital slides, audiovisual aids, interactive tools like Mentimeter)
- **Use in Communication:** (e.g. E-learning platform, Zoom/Google Meet for office hours)
- **Digital Resources:** (e.g. online legal databases, podcasts, video lectures)

11. Bibliography

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- Databases

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HeinOnline Academic Core and Kluwer Law International Journal Library	https://law.auth.gr/en/subscription-to-electronic-databases-2/
Beck-online PREMIUM	https://law.auth.gr/en/subscription-to-electronic-databases-2/
O.U.P Oxford Public International Law	https://law.auth.gr/en/subscription-to-electronic-databases-2/
O.U.P Max Planck Encyclopedia of Comparative Constitutional Law	https://law.auth.gr/en/subscription-to-electronic-databases-2/
Dalloz.fr	https://law.auth.gr/en/subscription-to-electronic-databases-2/
JURIS Zusatzmodul Hochschulen, BGB Staudinger Online	https://law.auth.gr/en/subscription-to-electronic-databases-2/
Kluwer Law Online (30 journals)	https://law.auth.gr/en/subscription-to-electronic-databases-2/
IAReporter. Investment Arbitration Report	https://law.auth.gr/en/subscription-to-electronic-databases-2/
Cambridge Core (Law)	https://www.cambridge.org/core/browse-subjects/law
EBSCO	https://research.ebsco.com/c/quc7ji/search/advanced/filters?autocorrect=y&isDashboardExpanded=true
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Taylor & Francis e-journals	https://www.tandfonline.com/subjects/law
The Making of Modern Law: Legal Treatises 1800-1926 (Gale)	https://go.gale.com/ps/start.do?p=MOML&u=arist&cookieConsent=true&analyticsOptout=false&aty=ip
Wiley online Library	https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/action/showPublications?startPage=&ConceptID=85