

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Faculty of Law

Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)

Course Syllabus

1. Course Information

- **Title:** Administrative Litigation
- **Code:** LLB37
- **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 offers a concise introduction to administrative justice, emphasizing its historical evolution and institutional framework at both national and European levels. Students will explore supra-legislative sources such as the European Convention on Human Rights and core principles of administrative law, including party equality and the right to a fair trial. The curriculum covers the fundamental distinction in Greek administrative law between annulment actions and substantive appeals, along with an examination of first-instance legal remedies. The law of evidence is addressed through key case law and comparative perspectives from other legal systems.

Further topics include provisional judicial protection, the appellate and cassation procedures, and the jurisdiction of the Administrative Court of Appeal. The course concludes with a comparative study of the Court of Auditors in Greece and the European Union, highlighting their respective

roles and procedural frameworks. Moreover, the curriculum encompasses specialized domains of administrative procedural law, including European Union Administrative Procedural Law, Administrative Litigation in Environmental Law, Energy Law and Digital Law, thereby equipping students with an in-depth understanding of contemporary challenges and developments in administrative justice.

3. Keywords

Administrative disputes, application for annulment, cassation, administrative procedure, provisional judicial protection, Court of Appeal, High Court, Court of Auditors, preliminary rulings, EU administrative procedural.

4. Learning Outcomes

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

1. **Define** key concepts related to the historical development and institutional framework of administrative justice at the national and European levels. *(Remembering)*
2. **Explain** the supra-legislative sources and fundamental principles of administrative law, including the right to a fair trial and equality of parties. *(Understanding)*
3. **Apply** the distinctions between types of administrative disputes, as well as the legal remedies and procedural means provided under Greek administrative law in practical cases. *(Applying)*
4. **Compare and contrast** relevant case law and conduct a comparative analysis of the law of evidence, provisional judicial protection, and appeal and cassation mechanisms. *(Analysing)*
5. **Critically evaluate** the function and legal framework of the Court of Auditors, alongside contemporary challenges in administrative justice at the national and European Union levels. *(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. The Historical and Organizational Context of Administrative Justice at the National, European, and International Levels

Outlines the historical development of administrative justice, portraying it as a key achievement of legal liberalism in Europe. It traces the evolution of administrative courts and examines their contemporary organizational structures.

2. The Supra-Legislative Foundations and General Principles of Administrative Justice

Introduces the supra-legislative sources governing administrative disputes, with particular emphasis on the European Convention on Human Rights and, more specifically, the right to a fair trial. The constitutional safeguards for the right to judicial protection and the organizational framework of administrative courts are also explored. Additionally, fundamental general principles of administrative law – such as the prohibition of internal appeals, equality of the parties, and the publication and reasoning of judicial decisions – are addressed.

3. The Distinction between Types of Administrative Disputes

Examines the foundational distinction within Greek administrative procedure between cases involving an application for annulment and those concerning a judicial appeal. The rationale behind this differentiation, relevant criteria, and the principal categories arising from it are analyzed in detail.

4. First Instance Legal Remedies

An analysis of the various types and characteristics of first-instance legal remedies is undertaken, alongside an overview of the national legislative

framework governing each, including applications for annulment, judicial appeals, objections, and lawsuits.

5. The Law of Evidence

Explores the rules of evidence and the modalities of their evaluation by administrative courts, supported by relevant jurisprudence. A comparative approach is employed to familiarize students with evidentiary principles across different legal systems.

6. Provisional Judicial Protection

The institution of provisional (temporary) judicial protection is examined in terms of its objectives, establishment, and conditions for its grant. A comparative analysis highlights procedural and practical differences and similarities across various jurisdictions.

7. Second Instance Legal Remedies

Focuses on the jurisdiction of the Administrative Court of Appeal and the scope of cassation review, detailing the purpose, conditions, and legal consequences of appeals and cassation procedures.

8. The Institution of the Court of Auditors in Greece and the European Union

An analysis is conducted on the role, purpose, and legislative framework governing the Court of Auditors in Greece. The Court's distinctive procedural regime within the administrative justice system is explored. Corresponding issues concerning the European Court of Auditors are examined comparatively to identify similarities and divergences in their functions.

9. European Union Administrative Procedural Law I

Explains the role of the national judge as an enforcer of EU law and addresses the principle of procedural autonomy of the Member States. It also discusses the principles of uniform and effective application of substantive EU law and the *ne bis in idem* principle.

10. European Union Administrative Procedural Law II

The institutional cooperation between national courts and EU courts through preliminary rulings is examined. Key decisions of the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) concerning preliminary references submitted by various Member States are reviewed.

11. Administrative Litigation in Environmental Law

Students are afforded the opportunity to critically engage with issues of environmental procedural law through a comparative analysis of case law from the Council of State and the CJEU. Special focus is given to judgments related to the environmental licensing of projects within Natura 2000 sites, as well as the enforcement of the principles of sustainability, the polluter pays

principle, and the precautionary, prevention, and rectification at source principles.

12. Administrative litigation in Energy law

Students have the opportunity to explore issues of energy law through a comparative analysis of the case law of the Council of State and the CJEU. The analysis focuses in particular on the case law concerning the licensing procedures for energy projects, legal disputes arising from concession agreements, and the administrative acts issued by the Regulatory Authority for Waste, Water, and Energy. Emphasis is placed on how the Council of State and the CJEU have addressed key legal issues related to the principle of transparency in energy markets, non-discriminatory access to energy infrastructure, the protection of legitimate expectations, and the proportionality of regulatory interventions. In addition, the jurisprudence reflects on the implementation of core principles of EU energy law, such as energy solidarity, market integration, and the primacy of environmental sustainability in energy planning.

13. Administrative litigation in Digital law

Offers students the opportunity to engage in an in-depth exploration of digital law through a comparative examination of jurisprudence from the Council of State and the CJEU. In particular, students will have the opportunity to examine case law relating to digital governance, the use of technology by public administration, and its convergence with European and international law on fundamental rights, as well as selected decisions concerning the operation of the Hellenic Data Protection Authority and the compatibility of administrative acts with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

7. Teaching Methods

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

8. Assessment Methods

Method

Weight Description

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

- Books/E-Books

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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	https://law.auth.gr/en/subscription-to-electronic-databases-2/

Comparative Constitutional Law	
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