Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Faculty of Law

Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)

Course Syllabus

1. Course Information

- **Title:** Αστικό Δίκαιο: Ορολογία και Επισκόπηση
- **Code:** LLB38
- **ECTS:** 5
- **Hours per week:** 4
- **Academic Year:** 4th
- **Teaching Period:** Winter/Spring Semester
- **Mode of Delivery:** Face-to-Face
- **Language of Instruction/Assessment:** Greek
- **Course Type:** Elective

2. Course Description

This elective course introduces students to the fundamental concepts, institutions, and terminology of Greek civil law. It focuses on the main branches of the Civil Code, including the general principles of private law, the law of obligations, property law, family law, and the law of succession. The course is designed to familiarise students with the dogmatic structure and doctrinal vocabulary of Greek civil law, while also providing comparative references where appropriate. Particular emphasis is placed on the use of accurate legal terminology in both Greek and English, the practical functioning of core institutions, and the interpretative methods used by Greek courts. The course is particularly suitable for students planning to continue with professional legal training or practice in Greece.

3. Keywords

General principles of civil law, law of obligations, property law, family law, law of succession

4. Learning Outcomes

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

1. **Recall** key principles and rules of Greek private law and correctly use the corresponding legal terminology, including fundamental concepts such as *legal right*, *legal personhood*, and *legal transaction*. *(Remembering)*
2. **Explain** the structure and functions of basic institutions of Greek civil law, and interpret legal texts using appropriate methods of doctrinal and teleological reasoning. *(Understanding)*
3. **Apply** relevant rules and doctrines to hypothetical scenarios, using proper legal terminology and citation practices in both written and oral legal argumentation. *(Applying)*
4. **Analyse** complex legal problems by identifying key issues, distinguishing between competing arguments, and examining the coherence of legal reasoning in statutes, case law, and academic commentary. *(Analysing)*
5. **Compare** selected Greek civil law concepts with their counterparts in other legal traditions, and assess their relevance in light of broader social, economic, and institutional contexts. *(Analysing/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. **Introduction to the General Principles of Greek Civil Law –** Overview of the Civil Code's structure, the notion of private law, and foundational concepts such as subjective right, legal capacity, and good faith.
2. **Juridical Acts and the Law of Contracts –** The concept of *δικαιοπραξία* (juridical act), essential requirements for validity, and the formation of contractual obligations.
3. **General Law of Obligations: Sources and Performance –** Legal sources of obligations, modalities of performance, default, liability, and extinction of obligations.
4. **Specific Contracts: Sale, Donation, Lease, and Work –** Standardised contractual types and their characteristic features, terminology, and doctrinal distinctions in Greek law.
5. **Tort Law in the Greek Civil Code –** Civil liability for unlawful acts (*αδικοπραξία*), fault, causation, damage, and the relationship with criminal proceedings.
6. **Unjust Enrichment and Restitution –** Doctrinal foundations, structure of restitution claims, and their practical application in cases of undue payment or failed contracts.
7. **Principles of Property Law: Rights *in rem* –** Ownership, possession, servitudes, and registration; the distinction between movable and immovable property under Greek law.
8. **Introduction to Family Law in the Civil Code –** Legal regulation of marriage, kinship, parental responsibility, and maintenance obligations within the Greek private law framework.
9. **Law of Succession: Testate and Intestate Inheritance –** Succession mechanisms, legal shares, testamentary freedom, and the formal requirements for wills under Greek law.
10. **Civil Litigation and Private Law Dispute Resolution –** Overview of procedural principles, competent courts, and enforcement of private law claims through civil proceedings.

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. Resources

Books/eBooks

Agallopoulou, P. ., & Masry, Y. Kotsovoulou. (2005). *Basic consepts of Greek Civil Law /*. Αντ. Ν. Σάκκουλας; Stampfli,.

Γεωργιάδης, Α. Σ. , 1935-. (2019). *Γενικές αρχές αστικού δικαίου /* (5η έκδ.). Π.Ν. Σάκκουλας,.

Λαδάς, Π. Β. (2009). *Γενικές αρχές αστικού δικαίου ΙΙ /*. Σάκκουλας,.

Παντελίδου, Κ. Δ. (2022). *Γενικές αρχές του αστικού δικαίου /* (2η έκδ.). Σάκκουλας,.

Παπαστερίου, Δ. Η. (2009). *Γενικές αρχές αστικού δικαίου /* (2η εκδ.). Σάκκουλας

Σπυριδάκης, Ι. (2025). *Εγχειρίδιο Αστικού Δικαίου*. Σάκκουλα. https://www.sakkoulas.gr/el/editions/i-spyridakis-encheiridio-astikou-dikaiou-tom-1-2025/

Φίλιος, Π. Χρ. . (2011). *Γενικές αρχές αστικού δικαίου / Παύλου Χρ. Φίλιου*. Σάκκουλας,.

Databases

Sakkoulas on line	**https://www.sakkoulas-online.gr/access/login/**
Qualex	**https://www.qualex.gr/el-GR/login**

Westlaw UK Academic	**https://law.auth.gr/en/subscription-to-electronic-databases-2/**
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**
ProQuest Central	**https://www.proquest.com/central/topicpaths/AbiGlobal_business/0?accountid=8359#0**
Springer link	**https://link.springer.com/**
Taylor & Francis e-books	**https://www.taylorfrancis.com/search?subject=SCLW**
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**