

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Faculty of Law

Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)

Course Syllabus

1. Course Information

- **Title:** Ποινικό Δίκαιο: Ορολογία και Επισκόπηση
- **Code:** LLB40
- **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 offers students a panoramic introduction to Greek criminal law and criminal procedure, with a particular focus on the specialised legal terminology used in these fields. It provides a comprehensive survey of the fundamental principles of substantive criminal law, including the structure of criminal liability, attempt and participation, concurrence of offences, general defences, and the main categories of crimes under the Greek Penal Code. In parallel, the course introduces the essential stages and actors of the Greek criminal process, from the initiation of proceedings and pre-trial investigation to trial, sentencing, and remedies. Emphasis is placed on the correct understanding and use of Greek legal terminology in both doctrinal and procedural contexts, enabling students to acquire a working competence in the vocabulary and concepts that shape Greek criminal justice. Designed as a broad overview rather than a detailed doctrinal study, the course equips students with the linguistic and conceptual

tools necessary to engage more confidently with Greek legal sources and to contextualise Greek criminal law within a comparative framework.

3. Keywords

Greek Criminal Law, Criminal Responsibility, Criminal Procedure, Legal Terminology, Greek Penal Code

4. Learning Outcomes

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

1. Identify key terms and concepts of Greek substantive and procedural criminal law. (*Remembering*)
2. Explain the basic structure of criminal liability and the main stages of the Greek criminal process. (*Understanding*)
3. Apply Greek legal terminology accurately in discussing substantive and procedural issues. (*Applying*)
4. Compare Greek criminal law concepts with those of other legal traditions studied in the programme. (*Analysing*)
5. Reflect critically on the role of terminology in shaping the understanding and practice of Greek criminal justice. (*Evaluating/Creating*)

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)

Week 1

- Structure and Sources of Substantive Criminal Law: From Principles to Codification
- Constituent Elements of Criminal Offences: Unlawful Act, Fault, and Causation

Week 2

- Attempt and Preparation: Defining the Boundaries of Criminal Conduct
- Participation and Complicity: Principal Offenders, Instigators, and Accomplices

Week 3

- Concurrence of Offences and Recidivism: Legal Treatment of Multiple Crimes
- General Defences: Reassessing Justification and Excuse

Week 4

- Negligence and Its Role in Criminal Liability
- Sanctions in Criminal Law: Purposes, Types, and Proportionality

Week 5

- Crimes Against Life and Bodily Integrity
- Crimes Against Honour

Week 6

- Crimes Against Property and Other Pecuniary Interests
- Contemporary Challenges in Criminal Law

Week 7

- Concept, Function, and Fundamental Principles of Criminal Procedure

- Subjects of the Criminal Process: Parties and Roles

Week 8

- Jurisdiction of Criminal Courts and Procedural Competence
- The Prosecution and Its Preconditions

Week 9

- Pre-trial Procedure and Preliminary Investigation
- The Procedure of *Flagrante Delicto* (Immediate Arrest and Trial)

Week 10

- Judicial (Main) Investigation: Safeguards and Fundamental Principles
- Pre-trial Detention and Restrictive Measures: Conditions and Alternatives

Week 11

- Judicial Councils and Indictment Orders
- Trial Proceedings I: Opening Statements, Witness Examination, and Evidence

Week 12

- Trial Proceedings II: Oral Pleas, Evidentiary Objections, and Procedural Rights
- Court Judgments and Sentencing: Structure, Reasoning, and Mitigating Factors

Week 13

- Legal Remedies: Appeals and Extraordinary Remedies

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

- Books/E-books

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- Databases

Sakkoulas on line	https://www.sakkoulas-online.gr/access/login/
Qualex	https://www.qualex.gr/el-GR/login
Nomos	https://lawdb.intrasoftnet.com/

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
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