

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Faculty of Law

Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)

Course Syllabus

1. Course Information

- **Title:** Δημόσιο Δίκαιο: Ορολογία και Επισκόπηση
- **Code:** LLB41
- **ECTS:** 5
- **Hours per week:** 4
- **Academic Year:** 4th
- **Teaching Period:** Winter/Spring Semester
- **Mode of Delivery:** Face-to-Face
- **Language of Instruction/Assessment:** English
- **Course Type:** Elective

2. Course Description

This elective course introduces students to the fundamental pillars of constitutional law, beginning with the constitutional organization of the Greek state and the sources of law, thereby providing a thorough understanding of the constitutional review of legislation, followed by an analysis of individual, social, and political rights. Subsequently, the course examines Greek administrative law, covering the entire process from the issuance of administrative acts to their revocation. Finally, it explores Greek administrative procedural law, distinguishing between annulment disputes and disputes on the merits. The course is designed to familiarize students with the dogmatic framework and doctrinal terminology of Greek public law, while offering comparative insights where appropriate. Particular emphasis is placed on the precise use of legal terminology in both

Greek and English, the practical operation of key institutions, and the interpretative methodologies employed by Greek courts. This course is especially suited for students intending to pursue professional legal training or practice within Greece.

3. Keywords

The separation of powers, Judicial review of the constitutionality of laws, Individual, social and political rights, Administrative bodies, Administrative acts, Administrative contracts, Administrative appeals, Annulment application, Judicial appeal

4. Learning Outcomes

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

1. **Recall** key principles and doctrines of Greek public law, demonstrating accurate use of essential legal terminology, including core procedural concepts such as annulment application, judicial appeal, and administrative appeals. (*Remembering*)
2. **Explain** the institutional framework and normative functions of the main organs of Greek public law, interpreting legal sources through established doctrinal and teleological methods. (*Understanding*)
3. **Apply** relevant legal provisions and theoretical principles to hypothetical factual settings, employing precise terminology and proper referencing in both oral and written legal analysis. (*Applying*)
4. **Analyse** complex legal questions by identifying central issues, evaluating conflicting interpretations, and assessing the internal consistency of legal reasoning across legislation, case law, and scholarly literature. (*Analysing*)
5. **Compare** fundamental concepts of Greek public law with analogous institutions or doctrines in other legal systems, and critically assess their function within broader socio-legal and institutional frameworks. (*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 Constitutional Organization of the Hellenic State and Sources of Greek Law

Provides a structured and in-depth presentation of the institutional framework established by the Greek Constitution. Emphasis is placed on the form of government, characterized as a Presidential Parliamentary Democracy, the foundational constitutional principle of the separation of powers, and the composition and functions of the principal state organs: the President of the Republic, the Hellenic Parliament, the Government, the Judiciary, and the administrative apparatus. Examines the formal sources of Greek law and their hierarchical order within the national legal system. Special consideration is given to the interpretative and normative interaction between domestic law, EU law and international law/European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR).

2. Judicial Review of the Constitutionality of Laws

The judicial review of the constitutionality of laws constitutes a fundamental safeguard of the rule of law and ensures the supremacy of the Constitution. The Greek legal system provides both for preventive review during the enactment of laws and for repressive judicial review, which is diffuse, incidental, and concrete. A special role is assigned to the Special Supreme Court, which is exclusively competent to adjudicate in cases of conflict between supreme courts regarding the interpretation of the Constitution and delivers final rulings on the unconstitutionality of laws.

3. Individual Rights and Freedoms

An overview of the most significant individual rights and freedoms enshrined in the Greek Constitution and the case law of the Council of State, with parallel references to the case law of the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) concerning the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR).

4. Social and Political Rights

An overview of the most significant social and political rights enshrined in the Greek Constitution and the case law of the Council of State, with parallel references to the case law of the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) regarding the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR).

5. Administrative Competence and Administrative Bodies

Delves into the legal notion and classifications of administrative competence, with particular emphasis on the doctrinal and jurisprudential distinction between binding (non-discretionary) and discretionary powers exercised by public authorities. Examines the legal nature, typology, and institutional framework of administrative bodies, highlighting the foundational principles governing the operation and decision-making processes of collegial (collective) entities within the administrative structure.

6. Types and Procedures for Administrative Acts

Explores the concept, characteristics, and types of administrative acts. The procedure for the issuance of administrative acts is thoroughly analyzed: the application of the administrated party, the opinions of administrative bodies, the right of prior hearing of the interested party, access to documents, the reasoning and the proper publication of administrative acts.

7. From entry into force of the administrative act to its revocation

A comprehensive overview is provided of the commencement of validity and the additional definitions of administrative acts, the cases of defective acts, and the rules governing their revocation.

8. Administrative Contracts

Studies the concept of administrative contracts and the specific legal framework governing their conclusion, execution, and termination. Particular emphasis is placed on the doctrinal distinction between administrative and public contracts, as well as on the special prerogatives and safeguards granted to the administration within the contractual relationship.

9. Control of Administrative Action

A distinction is made between external control – parliamentary oversight, judicial review, and control by independent administrative authorities – and internal control by the administration itself, which includes hierarchical supervision, administrative oversight, and administrative appeals (quasi-judicial remedies).

10. Non-Contractual Liability of Public Administration

Surveys the conditions under which public administration incurs non-contractual liability for unlawful acts or omissions committed in the course of its official duties that have caused harm. Emphasis is placed on the existence of a causal link, the potential invocation of exclusion clauses, as well as the framework for compensation and the potential personal liability of the administrative body.

11. Distinction between Categories of Administrative Disputes

Addresses the fundamental differentiation within Greek administrative procedural law between cases initiated by an application for annulment and those brought by means of judicial appeal. The underlying rationale for this distinction, the applicable criteria, and the principal categories arising therefrom are examined in detail.

12. The Adjudication of Annulment Actions

Analyzes the administrative procedure governing annulment actions under Presidential Decree 18/1989. Covers the admissibility requirements for filing an annulment application, grounds for annulment, the participation of third parties in the proceedings, the hearing of the case in court, the termination of the trial, and the legal effects of the court's decision.

13. The Adjudication of Administrative Substantive Disputes

Examines the Greek Code of Administrative Procedure (L.2717/1999). In particular, it addresses the general characteristics, admissibility requirements, the grounds asserted, and the legal consequences of judicial decisions concerning the remedies of judicial appeal and lawsuit.

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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Beck-online PREMIUM	https://law.auth.gr/en/subscription-to-electronic-databases-2/
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Kluwer Law Online (30 journals)	https://law.auth.gr/en/subscription-to-electronic-databases-2/
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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