

THE CYPRUS INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT

COURSE UNIT DESCRIPTION

Course Unit Title	Data Protection: Legal & Ethical Dimensions	
Course Unit Code	BI450	
Type of Unit	Core	
Level of Course Unit	First cycle	
Year of Study	First	
Number of ECTS Credits	3.0 ECTS	
Class Contact Hours	14	
Minimum Learning Effort (In Hours)	75	
Course Unit Objectives	<p>The course studies legal rules on data protection—i.e., a set of norms which specifically govern the processing of data relating to persons (personal data) in order to protect, at least partly, the privacy and related interests of those persons. Outside Europe, such norms tend to be described in terms of protecting “privacy”, “information privacy”, or increasingly, “data privacy”. The main focus is on European and international codes, primarily the European Convention on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (ECHR) Article 8 and Directive 95/46/EC, along with case law pursuant to these instruments. Special attention is also given to Directives 2002/58/EC and 2006/24/EC, and to Cyprus law. The latter is used to illustrate how the international codes are nationally implemented. The themes taken up in the course may be summed up with the following key-words: privacy, data protection, surveillance, Internet, cyberspace, encryption, freedom of expression. Students should therefore gain profound insights into the numerous regulatory challenges in the field. Further, students should critically approach the increasing potentialities for technological development to both threaten and enhance privacy protection.</p>	
Learning Outcomes	The students completing the course should be able to understand	
	CILO 1	What personal data means, which represents all types of information related to the private life of a person, such as the home address or personal phone number, the bank account, e-mail address and many others. Special mention will be made to what the Cypriot legislation prescribes as definitions of the “sensitive data”. The term refers to personal information related to a persons’ ethnicity, political orientation, health, sexual orientation or religion.
	CILO 2	The ways in which personal data can be collected, processed and transferred. More specifically, the course seeks to illuminate the rationale and regulatory logic of such policies along with the various technological challenges that they face.
	CILO 3	Legal-regulatory issues related to freedom of expression, the increasing automatization of decision-making processes, the increasingly cross-national character of organisational transactions, and the interaction of legal norms with the regulatory effects of IT and other non-legal instruments, such as sectoral codes of practice.

	CILO 4	The main authority which controls the enforcement of the data protection law is the Office of the Commissioner for Personal Data Protection. Business entities which need to act as data controllers in Cyprus are required to register with the Office of the Commissioner for Personal Data Protection and the procedure is compulsory for all types of data controllers. This involves critically analysing and challenging the assumptions upon which the rules are based, and discussion of alternative regulatory possibilities.
	CILO 5	
	CILO 6	
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Mode of delivery	Face to Face	
Prerequisites or corequisites		
	1. THE EMERGENCE OF AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE SUI GENERIS RIGHT TO DATA PRIVACY	CILO 1
	2. THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE PROTECTION OF DATA PRIVACY IN THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS: ISSUES AND CHALLENGES	CILO 1,2
	3. ENFORCEMENT OF DATA PRIVACY LAWS	CILO 1,4
	4. A COMPARATIVE EXAMINATION OF STATUTORY PROTECTION OF DATA PRIVACY LAWS IN THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS: CRIMINAL LAWS AND OTHER LAWS	CILO 3
	5. CURRENT SITUATION OF EU RULES REGARDING DATA PROTECTION	CILO 1,2,3
	6. THE EUROPEAN DATA PROTECTION REFORM	CILO 4
Recommended or required reading	<p><u>Required:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Moreham, NA . <i>Protection against Intrusion</i>. In Mark Warby QC, Nicole Moreham and Iain Christie Tugendhart and Christie The Law of Privacy and the Media (eds) (2nd ed), Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2011. 2. Moerel, E. <i>Binding corporate rules: Fixing the regulatory patchwork of data protection</i>. Amsterdam, 2011. <p><u>Recommended:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Craig, P. P., & B rca, G.. <i>EU law: text, cases, and materials</i>. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011. 	
Planned learning activities and teaching methods	Lectures; in-class discussions and exercises; team work; role-play (ethical dilemma simulation); video case studies.	

Assessment methods and criteria	Class participation: 10% Group Assignments & Class Participation: 30% In-class examination: 60%
Language of Instruction	English
Work Placement(s)	Not applicable