

MAEL 105 - The Educational Leader and the Law

ECTS Value: 5 ECTS
Self-Study Hours: 60

Contact Hours: 25
Assessment Hours: 40

Overall Objectives and Outcomes

The rationale of this course is to equip educational leaders with the basic, practical knowledge to help them deal with legal issues which may arise in their day to day running of educational institutes.

By the end of this module, the learner will be able to:

Competences

- a. Demonstrate the correct use of basic legal terminology applicable to an educational setup;
- b. Take certain decisions within an Educational Management context based on the legal principles acquired;
- c. Giving evidence in court/tribunals;
- d. Comprehend contracts especially marital separation contracts or court decrees and judgements especially with regards to care and custody and educational matters.

Knowledge

- a. Basic legal terms and procedure;
- b. Education Law (Cap 327 of the Laws of Malta or any legislation which might supersede it);
- c. Council for the Teaching Profession;
- d. Code of Ethics;
- e. Civil Law (with a focus on family issues);
- f. Data Protection law (with an emphasis on issue related to Educational Organisations and Freedom of Information).

Skills

- a. Differentiate between the different kind of laws in relation to Education;
- b. Express oneself in the correct legal method of writing a formal letter/report;
- c. Comprehensively identify legal implications which may arise out of daily circumstances in an Educational Institution;
- d. Feel equipped to take decisions as part of one's remit in an educational organisation which are in line with the law.

Assessment Methods

This module will be assessed through: Assignment and Presentation

Suggested Readings

Core Reading List

1. Education Act Cap 327 of the Laws of Malta

2. S.L. 327.02 Teachers' Code of Ethics
3. Civil Code Cap 16 of the Laws of Malta
4. Data Protection Act Cap 440 of the Laws of Malta
5. Data Protection guidelines for Schools
6. S.L. 440.09 Processing of Personal Data (Education Sector) Regulations
7. Mifsud Bonnici, U. (2013); *An introduction to the law of education*. Msida: Malta U.P.
8. Theuma, R. (2017). *To What Extent If at All Can the Education Act of 1988 with Its Subsequent Amendments, Be Deemed to Address the Day-to-day Issues Arising in the Maltese Educational System?*

Supplementary Reading List

1. Constitution of Malta
2. Azzopardi, K. (2006). The development of Education Law in Malta: 1771 – 1964(UoM dissertation)
3. Oltman, G., & Surface, J. (2017) "Living Education Law in 2017: How Facebook, Prayer, Toilets, and Guns Impact Today's Teachers" In *The Clearing House: A Journal of Educational Strategies, Issues and Ideas*, vol. 90(5-6), pp. 172-176.