

Course Title: Introduction to Law I

Code: LAW111

Credits: 3

Pre-requisite(s): None

Description: This course aims at giving the students the first approach to Law, in order to proceed in the successive steps focusing on specific issues of Law programs. It is composed of two distinct parts: 1) an introduction that will cover the history of Law; 2) the general principles of Law and the various categories of Law, while making the distinction between the Civil Law system and the Common Law system, as well as the difference between the main legal categories, namely Civil Law, Administrative Law and Criminal Law.

Course Title: Constitutional Law I

Code: LAW 114

Credits: 3

Pre-requisite(s): None

Description: This course is aims at giving undergraduates the most fundamental aspects of Constitutional Law and basic Constitutional principles, and covers the major political systems in the world: parliamentary system, presidential system, semi-presidential, monarchy and constitutional monarchies, federal states. Students are expected to have a better understanding of constitutionalism, separation of powers, the rule of law, forms of governments, federal states and unitary states. It also encompasses an introduction to different constitutional issues including the various organs of the government including the Judiciary Power, Legislative Power and the Executive Power. It also explains how the party-system works in the different systems studied, since it deeply affect the constitutional system.

Course Title: Introduction to English for Law

Code: LAW 115

Credits: 3

Pre-requisite(s): None

Description: The course is designed to improve ability to write common legal text types in English such as letters or memorandums, improve ability to read and understand legal text such as law journals, articles and legal correspondence, increasing comprehension of spoken English when it is used to speak about legal topics in lectures, presentations and discussions, strengthen speaking skills enabling the student to engage more effectively in a range of speaking situations typical of the study of law and the practice of law and introduce students to some of the language related aspects of the work of a commercial lawyer.

Course Title: Human Rights Law

Code: LAW 180

Credits: 3

Pre-requisite(s): None

Description: The course is a General Introduction to Human Rights. It addresses to new Law students as well as non-Law students and aims at giving a general comprehension of the notion of Human Rights. Human Rights activists come from different horizons and this course addresses to all. The course offers a philosophical and legal perspectives and Human Rights. After a short historical introduction, it tackles the main international Human Rights treaties. But studying the norms is not enough and students will learn what to do with these norms, and where one would go to help victims.

Therefore, and in harmony with RUW strategy to link the theory to practice, International mechanisms available or involved in Human Rights and in their implementation and enforcement internally, either on the structural plan or on the legal plan. Domestic implementation will be tackled to understand the role of the Human Rights Ministry and its structure. Field visits will be organized to complement the understanding of mechanisms at stake.

Course Title: Civil Law I

Code: LAW 121

Credits: 3

Pre-requisite(s): LAW 111

Description: This course is an introduction on the fundamental principles of Civil Law as a part of the wider category of Private Law. The course is designed to acquaint students with the fundamentals of the Bahraini Civil Law by survey of the main issues of the civil legislations and provisions of the Bahrain Civil Code. It will cover mainly the issue of the sources of obligations, i.e. the contracts and quasi-contracts.

The Obligations (Part I): The contract

The general theory of contracts; the validity of contracts; the free will and vices of consent; causes of nullity; en of contracts; etc.

Different types of contracts: indenture (synallagmatic, or imposing mutual obligations), multilateral; unilateral, etc.).

Highlights on 2 types of contracts: the sale contract; the rental contract; and the obligations of the parties.

The quasi-contracts

Course Title: Constitutional Law II

Code: LAW124

Credits: 3

Pre-requisite(s): LAW 114

Description: The course is designed to acquaint students with the fundamentals of the Bahraini Constitution by surveying the Constitution's approach to governmental structure and individual rights. Major topics include the Constitutional system in Bahrain, the establishment of the Bahraini Constitution, the National charter act. The fundamental constituents of the society and the individual rights and duties, the nature of the ruling system in the Bahraini constitution are also important topics of the course. Students should be able to articulate informed opinion over important, controversial, constitutional issues.

Course Title: Commercial Law I

Code: LAW 122

Credits: 3

Pre-requisite(s): None

Description: Commercial Law is a branch of Private Law, separate from Civil Law. It regulates commercial activities and transactions. RUW approach to Commercial Law is focused on a business

oriented legal knowledge, and the Commercial Law program is divided in four courses in order to provide a deep knowledge of the various topic related. This course is an introduction to the fundamental principles of Commercial Law and its difference with Civil Law. The focus of this course will follow the basic or primitive definition of Commercial Law as being the “Law of the Merchants” and the “Law of Enterprises”. It will be based on the Bahraini Law with a comparative approach with other countries, when necessary. Hence, the course offers an overview of the history and nature of commercial law and its sources, subjects and problems. It tackles the elements of commercial law, elements of the contract, the entrepreneur, clients and companies. In tune with the Program Specifications and RUW policy focused on the practical side of learning, Case studies and judicial acts will be an essential part of the program, providing about 30% of lessons.

Course Title: Environmental Law

Code: LAW 181

Credits: 3

Pre-requisite(s): None

Description: The course is an introduction to the general principles of national and international Environmental Law. Environmental Law is the group of norms outlined in international conventions as well as in regional and national instruments concerning environmental protection. Environmental Law course offers an overview of the main principles related to Environmental regulations. It comprises a general introduction on Multilateral Environment Agreements (MEAs) including the study of the “Sources of International Environmental Law”, the rules and principles of the negotiation of MEAs, and the general principles and concepts applicable to this science. The necessity of compliance and the assistance provided to States will be reviewed, in addition to Human Rights issues. The different environmental law issues studied include concerns in times of armed conflict and the use of certain weapons. A specific study will then follow examining transboundary air pollution, ozone depletion, marine pollution, global climate change, dangerous substances, flora and fauna protection, biological diversity, energy and nuclear energy. For each sector the course will provide students with an analysis of the international conventions on the specific sector. A specific part of the course will focus on Bahrain implementation of its Environmental Law obligations through the review of the international conventions pertaining environmental issues of which Bahrain is party and to the domestic measures taken in this respect.

Course Title: Civil Law II

Code: LAW 231

Credits: 3

Pre-requisite(s): LAW 121

Description: The Obligations [cted] Part II: quasi-delict. Responsibility. Remedies Quasi-delicts are also a source of obligation. A quasi-delict is an act whereby a person causes prejudice to another, without intention to harm, but by fault, negligence or imprudence not legally excusable.

Responsibility: different types of responsibility (theory of culpa and objective responsibility without culpa or theory of risks). Conditions of responsibility. Responsibility for own's facts, responsibility for third parties acts; responsibility for things; responsibility for animals. Remedies and compensation.

Course Title: Commercial Law II

Code: LAW 232

Credits: 3

Pre-requisite(s): LAW 122

Description: This course will focus on issues related to the commercial activities such as the bills of exchange, check, endorsement, bonds, as well as the special commercial contract such as sea contracts, documentary credit, commission, commercial agency, franchising. The approach will be oriented on case study, with a focus on commercial documents. This course constitutes the second approach to the Law of Commerce after the basic studies provided in the Commercial Law I course, that is a prerequisite to apply to the Commercial Law II course.

Course Title: Criminal Law I

Code: LAW 233

Credits: 3

Pre-requisite(s): None

Description: The course is a general introduction to Criminal Law and it aims at the knowledge of the general principles of the offence and sanctions, providing a first general overview on the issues treated in the Bahrain Penal Code. The course will focus on the issues related to the principles underlying the definition of crime and general doctrines such as ignorance of fact and ignorance of law, cause, attempt, complicity and conspiracy. Principles of justification and excuse will be examined with particular attention to the doctrines of necessity, intoxication, insanity, diminished capacity and automatism. Throughout, emphasis is placed on the basic theory of the criminal law and the relationship between doctrines and the various justifications for imposition of punishment.

Course Title: Labour Law

Code: LAW 235

Credits: 3

Pre-requisite(s): None

Description: This course focuses on the Labour legislation, in order to provide a general knowledge on the main issues related to the Labour relationship between the employer and the employee. The course examines the legal relationship between people who contract to provide their own labor for another person most commonly through a contract of employment. The course covers the law regulating the negotiation of an employment relationship whether collective or an individual (including collective bargaining and the law of strikes), the obligations and duties that arise between an employer and an employee and the termination of an employment relationship, according to the Bahraini Labour Law. Students are expected to understand the various issues related to the employment as well as the rights and duties of both employer and employee. The course also includes an overview of the ILO Conventions.

Course Title: Shariaa Law

Code: LAW 182

Credits: 3

Pre-requisite(s): None

Description: Sharia'a Law is the Muslim or Islamic law, including both civil and criminal justice as well as regulating individual conduct both personal and moral. The course presents an overview of Islamic law

in its historical and contemporary aspects in the Muslim world. The course covers legal history and jurisprudential developments as well as contemporary applications of Islamic law. In its consideration of legal history and jurisprudence, the course focuses on contemporary applications and the critical theoretical debates currently underway in the field, including the relationship between sacred texts and human reason in the development of the law, dissent and consensus in the articulation of the law, law and morality and normative pluralism.

Course Title: Civil Law III

Code: LAW 241

Credits: 3

Pre-requisite(s): LAW 231

Description: The Assets: it is also called “Property Law” and it covers all the patrimonial rights of a person. It follows Civil Law II which tackles the Law of Obligations (part II) and forms a prerequisite.

It starts by the definition of “patrimonial rights”, then , distinction between real assets and movable assets; real assets: by their physical nature (real estate by nature – Real estate by destination) – real estates by their legal nature: -real property- abandoned property – ameer property ; immaterial real assets: real rights – personal real rights and property real rights; original real property rights (usus, fructus, abusus) and accessory real property rights – wakfs – some special legal actions: shefaa.

Also tackled: Movable assets and immaterial movables by subject or by law – criteria of distinction. Public Real Assets.

Course Title: Commercial Law III

Code: LAW 242

Credits: 3

Pre-requisite(s): LAW 232

Description: This part of the Commercial Law program focuses on the Commercial Companies. Based on the specific Bahraini Legislation regulating the Company Law, the course aims at a deep knowledge of the various types of commercial companies. The course will focus on the general principles about the companies and the essential elements of the companies, as well as the different types of companies, and the legal methods to establish or modify a company. The course will provide students with a comprehensive knowledge of the types of companies that are used in the business world today.

Course Title: Criminal Law II

Code: LAW 243

Credits: 3

Pre-requisite(s): LAW 233

Description: This course is dedicated to the special offences described in the Criminal Code:

Crimes on individuals: murders and other violation of physical integrity; unintentional crimes; rape; onslaught; injury; etc.

Crimes on assets: fraud; forgery; rubbery; abuse of trust; embezzlement; bribery; traffic of influence or influence peddling; checks without sufficient funds; etc.

Drugs: trade; Crimes committed by Public Servants: Crimes on the State: on the security of the State; crime of terrorism; degradation of the public property

Course Title: Law of Intellectual Property

Code: LAW 245

Credits: 3

Pre-requisite(s): None

Description: Intellectual property law emphasizes on patents, copyrights and trademarks. The course will focus on the main issues related to the intellectual property. It aims at a complete knowledge of the legislation concerning patents, licenses and the protection of the property of these issues. Students are expected to study the different types of protection of the intellectual property, in order to acquire skills that will be useful for the intellectual properties' disputes. Current issues relating to information technologies and business methods will be highlighted, as well as case study will represent 30% of the entire course.

Course Title: Fiqh Law

Code: LAW 183

Credits: 3

Pre-requisite(s): None

Description: Al Fiqh, or "Islamic Doctrine" in English, is the science of the rules set for interpretation and jurisprudential deduction through the studying of practical cases. And, Oussoul Al Fiqh is the science that put the rules and regulations on how to reach case-law principles through the study of right evidence or facts. Al-Fiqh deals hence with the facts whereas Oussool Al-Fiqh deals with the rules according to which facts have to be interpreted.

The course will study the definition of Al-Fiqh, its importance, its different areas, the main authors and schools, the principles of the Islamic jurisprudence and its structure, the linguistic principles as indicators for interpretation, the notion of objection (مخالفة), the accomplice or associated; The sources of rules such as the Coran and the Sunna, the "Ijmaa", the "Qiyass"; etc.

Course Title: Civil Law IV

Code: LAW 351

Credits: 3

Pre-requisite(s): LAW 241

Description: Civil Law IV is the last session of the Civil law studies. It will be dedicated to Special Contracts.

The Law of Special Contracts (العقود الخاصة) is a branch of Civil Law that studies certain contracts having a legal regulation that derogates from the common [ordinary] law of contracts. Special Contracts are governed by special suppletive laws only applicable if they have not been expressly refused. Special Contracts can be civil contracts and commercial contracts object of a particular legislation. They are also called « qualified » contracts (العقود المسماة). The Special Contracts are: sale بيع, rental إيجار, exchange مقايضة, donation هبة, guarantee كفالة, mandate وكالة, mortgage رهن, security تأمين, marriage زواج, lending إعارة, commission السمسرة, transportation النقل (land, sea and air), maritime construction, personal

insurance, land insurance, maritime insurance, emphyteusis, editor, distribution, credit [loan], sequestration, company, etc. The course will study these contracts, their classification, the contract qualification, the qualification effects, and the legal status of each one of them.

Special contracts related to business and to international trade will also be covered.

Course Title: Commercial Law IV

Code: LAW 352

Credits: 3

Pre-requisite(s): LAW 242

Description: This course focuses on the specific subject of bankruptcy, as the legal proceeding involving a person or business that is unable to repay outstanding debts. The course provides the knowledge of the concept of bankruptcy of the subjects of commercial law, and the consequences of such situation. The course will also focus on the concordat and the bankruptcy certificate and their effects. The course represents the final approach to commercial law and aims at a complete knowledge of the commercial issues by the students.

Course Title: Criminal Procedure

Code: LAW 353

Credits: 3

Pre-requisite(s): None

Description: Criminal procedure is the set of rules governing the conduct of criminal trials and the investigation of crime by the police. This course introduces students to explore the Criminal Procedure in order to acquire complete knowledge on procedural aspects of the investigation and the trial. The course will focus on the issues and categories of acts stated by the Bahraini Law of Criminal Procedure and it will cover significant aspects of criminal procedure focusing on police investigative processes, the rights of the suspects, the criminal trial practice. Case study will be an essential part of this course.

Course Title: Personal Status I

Code: LAW 355

Credits: 3

Pre-requisite(s): None

Description: The course will offer a general introduction on the issues regarding personal status, such as Marriage and Divorce as an essential part of Family Law. The course will focus on the issues related to the Marriage status, legal requirements for the Marriage and on the regulation of Divorce, according to the current legislation concerning Family Law. As per RUW policy, at least 30% of this course will be focused on case study.

Course Title: Public Finance I

Code: LAW 280

Credits: 3

Pre-requisite(s): None

Description: Public Finance focuses on the economic role of government, fiscal functions, public Sector in economic accounts, fiscal institutions, public provision for social goods, equity in distribution, public choice and fiscal politics, public expenditures and monetary policy.

This course introduces students to the main issues related to Public Finance. It will focus on the main aspects of fiscal policy and monetary policy and the related decision-making process. A specific part of the course will be oriented to the knowledge of the procedures regulating the Public Budget.

Course Title: Civil Procedure

Code: LAW 361

Credits: 3

Pre-requisite(s): None

Description: This course tackles the rules and procedures of the civil trial, introducing students to the practical aspects of civil procedure. It will focus on the processes that courts follow in deciding disputes in non-criminal cases. It deals with the way in which conflicts are framed for courts, the stages through which litigation goes, the division of power among the various decision-makers in the legal system, the territorial limitations on the exercise of judicial power, the principles that define the consequences of a courts' decision.

Course Title: Banks and Financial Institutions

Code: LAW 362

Credits: 3

Pre-requisite(s): None

Description: The course is an introductory course on banking, financial markets and financial institutions. The course will focus on financial instruments, the structure and operations of banks and financial institutions, the operations, tools, and policies of central banks, and on the role and powers of the main international financial institutions.

Course Title: Personal Status II

Code: LAW 365

Credits: 3

Pre-requisite(s): LAW 355

Description: This course is a continuation of the course on Personal Status I. If the Personal Status I course focuses on the marriage and divorce as peculiar aspects of Family Law, this course focuses, particularly, on certain legal acts related to subjects such as inheritance, will and donation, providing a general overview on the legal provisions concerning the legal aspects related to the disposal of certain rights.

Course Title: Public International Law

Code: LAW 366

Credits: 3

Pre-requisite(s): 2 years of Law Studies

Description: This course studies the rules, procedures, institutions and actors that are involved in the development, enforcement and adjudication of public international law. The course will provide a complete knowledge on the subjects of international law, the establishment of international rules between the states, the nature and sources of international law, the role and influence of states, non-governmental organizations and international organizations, the law of treaties, customary international law, jurisdiction and immunities. It will also treat the consequences of breaches of international law, as well as the phenomenon of international cooperation and integration between the states that led to the international organizations. A specific part of the course will concern the role of the United Nations and of international judicial bodies. The course will also offer a brief survey of specific fields within international law such as the law of the sea, international criminal law and humanitarian law with an emphasis on such current challenges as international terrorism, the global financial crisis and the global governance.

Course Title: Public Finance II

Code: LAW 281

Credits: 3

Pre-requisite(s): LAW 280

Description: The course will focus on tax law, in order to provide a complete knowledge on this issue. It will concern public tax system, principles of tax incidence, excess burden and efficient tax design, individual income tax, taxation policies, and potential problems in the public decision-making process.

Course Title: Execution Procedure Law

Code: LAW 471

Credits: 3

Pre-requisite(s): None

Description: The course focuses on Execution as a branch of Procedure Law, aiming at provide students with a comprehensive and specific knowledge of the issues related to Execution.

Course Title: Islamic Financial Institutions Law

Code: LAW 472

Credits: 3

Pre-requisite(s): LAW 362

Description: The difference between classic banks and Islamic Financial institutions will be explored. In light of the growing importance of Sharia'a compliant capital markets, there is an increasing demand for Islamic finance. The main principle of Islamic finance: The financing contracts according to Islamic norms include: murabaha (mark up), mudaraba (venture capital type participatory financing), musharaka (participatory financing), ijarah (leasing), salam (forward financing transaction), istisna (financing for commissioned or pre-ordered production), and sukuk (asset based Islamic bonds).

Based on these traditional modes, Islamic banks and financial institutions have developed other hybrid financial contracts.

Course Title: Administrative Law I

Code: LAW 474

Credits: 3

Pre-requisite(s): None

Description: The course aims at a general introduction to Administrative Law. The course will focus on the main issues related to nature of the powers vested in administrative agencies, the problems of administrative procedure, the constitutional limitations on the agencies' authority and organizational structure, the normative and policy implications of the design of administrative institutions and programs, the adjudicatory and rulemaking powers of administrative agencies, and the various legal actions that can be brought to challenge administrative action.

Course Title: International Business Law

Code: LAW 476

Credits: 3

Pre-requisite(s): 2 years of Law Studies

Description: The course will provide a general introduction to the legal environment of international business, and on how law applies to international business transactions in the global legal environment. Topics include international contracts and administrations, regulations of exports and imports, technology, regional transactions, intellectual property, product liability, and legal organization.

Furthermore, the course will focus on the International Trade legislation, providing the knowledge of the International Trade system and the current settlement of World Trade Organization, its function and its role on the international scenario. An overview on Regional Trade Areas in Europe, Africa, North and South America, as well as Middle East and Asia will be provided, as well as the issues related to the international transportation. A specific part of the course will focus on International Business and Environmental Protection, Competition Law and on International Trade Law case study in order to provide a practical approach to the International Business Law.

Course Title: International Criminal Law

Code: LAW 282

Credits: 3

Pre-requisite(s): 2 years of Law Studies

Description: The course will provide a comprehensive knowledge of the concepts related to International Crimes. The course will focus on the role of international organizations in the definition of international crimes and on the establishment of special Tribunals in order to punish determined crimes occurred. An overview on the International Tribunals from the Tribunals of Nurnberg and Tokyo, established in the aftermath of World War II, as well as the special Tribunals for former Yugoslavia and Rwanda, and the special Tribunals for Sierra Leone and Lebanon will be provided. The course will focus on the elements of international crimes such as the crime of aggression, crimes against humanity,

genocide, torture, and war crimes, and the fundamentals of international criminal responsibility A specific part of the course will be dedicated to the establishment of the International Criminal Court, to its functions and to the problem of effectiveness of the jurisdiction.

Course Title: Sea and Air Trade Law

Code: LAW 482

Credits: 3

Pre-requisite(s): LAW 282

Description: The course is a focus on a specific sector of International Trade Law, related to the specific aspects of Sea and Air trade. The course will provide knowledge on the main international legislation concerning Sea and Air Trade, focusing on the concepts of distinction of these specific issues, within the International Trade Law. It will also provide a theoretical and practical introduction to the international and domestic legal rules, relationships and practices that govern the carriage of goods in international trade by sea and air, and the interface between international carriage of goods and domestic carriage of goods contracts of international carriage of goods by sea, including charter parties, with an emphasis on carriage of goods under bills of lading, sea waybills and delivery orders. The course will examine the shipper's and carrier's core rights and obligations.

Course Title: Administrative Law II

Code: LAW 484

Credits: 3

Pre-requisite(s): LAW 474

Description: The course focuses on the Administrative Judiciary system, in order to provide a specific knowledge concerning the procedures and rules regulating the Administrative Law. Studying the organization of the administrative authority and its activities, clarify the means available to achieve the public benefit, through an outline of the administrative systems and their applications, definition of the administrative system and its properties, sources, and its general principles, the organization of the administrative, management activity and privileges, and the means and methods of management, public service, the organization of the judiciary management in the Kingdom of Bahrain and the administrative proceedings.

Course Title: Arbitration

Code: LAW 485

Credits: 3

Pre-requisite(s): None

Description: This course will introduce students to the alternative methods of controversies resolution, providing knowledge of the mechanisms that can be used for an extra-judiciary dispute settlement between two parties. The course will focus on the different aspects on mediation, conciliation and arbitration as a "volunteer" jurisdiction accepted by the parties. The course will treat, particularly, the aspects related to arbitration in business and commercial controversies and the principles governing

the international arbitration and on the doctrinal and practical aspects of international commercial arbitration. A relevant part of the course will focus on Case Study.

Course Title: Private International Law

Code: LAW 486

Credits: 3

Pre-requisite(s): 2 years of Law Studies

Description: Private International Law is the legal framework composed of conventions, protocols, model laws, legal guides, uniform documents, case law, practice and custom, as well as other documents and instruments, which regulate relationships between individuals in an international context. The course aims at provide students with a thorough understanding of the system of private international law as “conflicts of law”. This will be done by discussing the rules applying to a selected group of private law relationships and the problems related to the intrusion of a "foreign" system of law, including topics of jurisdiction, recognition of foreign judgments, domicile, family law, property law, contracts, torts, succession & administration of deceased estates.

Course Title: International Organizations

Code: LAW 283

Credits: 3

Pre-requisite(s): 2 years of law studies

Description: This course explores the institutional structures, political processes, and impact of international organizations within the larger context of International Public Law. The course will focus on International organizations, both governmental and nongovernmental, which play an increasingly prominent role in efforts to resolve a wide range of global problems within a “global governance” approach. The course will cover the traditional problems such as international security, the global distribution of wealth, and threats to social welfare, international environmental problems. Because of its scope and importance in these areas, the activities and influence of the United Nations System is given special emphasis in the course. The overall objectives of the course require that students:

- delineate the historical antecedents and trends in the growth of international organizations,
- Identify the various types of international and transnational organizations and understand the important characteristics of each, as well as the various theories and concepts used to study international organizations, the structure and activities of the principal organs and the past and present performance as well as future prospects of international organizations in the world community.