



Fahad Bin Sultan University
College of Sciences and Humanities
Department of Law

Course Descriptions

LAW 101 Principles of Law 3(3, 0, 0)*

This course aims to introduce students to the general theory and basics of law in terms of its definition, origins, characteristics, bases, branches, sources, interpretation, and sphere of application. It also acquaints students with the general theory of right concerning its definition, types, persons, objects, sources, uses, and the means of its protection.

LAW 111 Introduction to Islamic Jurisprudence (Fiqh) 3(3, 0, 0)

The course introduces students to the Islamic jurisprudence bases, history, subject matter, goals and definition. The course also tackles the Shari'ah legislative goals. In addition, the course covers the different sources of Shari'ah such as the Holy Quran, the Sunna, Ijmaa (unanimity of savants), ijtihaad (impendent judgment), qiyaas (analogy), free benefits, custom and the Sahabi fatwa.

LAW 112 English Legal Terminology 3(3, 0, 0)

The purpose of this course is to acquaint the student with English legal terminology through studying some legal topics in English. By so doing, the students will be exposed to the basic legal terminology, phrases and expressions, which, in turn, enable them to understand English legal texts and express their legal thoughts in the target language.

LAW 113 Personal Status Law 3(3, 0, 0)

This course with all that relates to the organization of the family in Islam based on the stipulations of the Saudi personal status law beginning with the engagement, until the marriage contract, with all that it entails in terms of rights and obligations for the married couple. The conditions for the validity of the nuptial contract and its applicability, the rights of the children insofar as the establishment of affiliation to the family, nursing, rearing, and the dissolution of the marriage contract and the wisdom of it, while mentioning the ways to end the marriage.

LAW 116 Administrative Law 3(3, 0, 0)

The course covers the administrative institutions of the state: local, regional and national. To ensure great familiarity with administrative law, the course discusses three topics in detail; (1) administrative decision, (2) civil service and (3) public funds in Saudi Arabia.

Prerequisite: LAW 101

LAW 118 Sources of Obligations I 3(3, 0, 0)

This course aims at introducing students to the natural and civil obligations. To this end, the course acquaints students with the definition of obligation, rights on personal and rights in rem, the voluntary and involuntary sources of obligations. (Contract, individual action, harmful act,

useful acts and law).

Prerequisite: LAW 101

LAW 121 Constitutional Law 3(3, 0, 0)

The course aims to introduce students to Constitution, the basic legislation of any legal system. To this end, the course sheds light on the meaning of the "Constitution" and its legal importance; explains the methods of its preparation and issuance; and illustrates the nature of the rules it contains, their legal value, and the methods of abolishing and amending them. The course also explains the types of constitutions and methods of monitoring the constitutionality of laws. Moreover, the course outlines the specificity of constitutional rules in the Kingdom and their coverage of both legal and illegal aspects. It also presents the constitutional regulations in force in the Kingdom, most notably the basic law of governance, the Allegiance Council system, the Cabinet system, the Shura Council system and the regions system.

LAW 123 Criminology and Penology 3(3, 0, 0)

This course focuses on the study of criminology and penology. The first section deals with the definition of criminal science, history and relation to the penal code, individual and social factors of criminal behavior, and the different theories that were developed on this subject. The second section deals with the science and development of the science of punishment, along with the penal schools, penalties for freedom, and bases of punitive treatment, penal institutions, and precautionary measures. The course also explores the methods used to treat delinquents for the purpose of rehabilitation, such as release of a policeman, suspension of execution, and subsequent care for the released people.

LAW 125 International Public Law 3(3, 0, 0)

This course focuses on the meaning, scope and nature of criminology and penology. The first section deals with the definition of criminal science, history and relation to the penal code, individual and social factors of criminal behavior, and the different theories that were developed on this subject. The second section deals with the science and development of the science of punishment, along with the penal schools, penalties for freedom, and bases of punitive treatment, penal institutions, and precautionary measures. The course also explores the methods used to treat delinquents for the purpose of rehabilitation, such as release of a policeman, suspension of execution, and subsequent care for the released persons.

Prerequisite: LAW 101

LAW 202 Commercial Law 3(3, 0, 0)

This course is concerned with the general principles of commercial law; it covers its origin, development, commercial acts, and the merchant in terms of the required conditions and commercial capacity, the store, its elements and protection, commercial books, commercial registry, and commercial contracts.

Prerequisite: LAW 101

LAW 210 Shariah Objectives (maqasid) 3(3, 0, 0)

The course deals with the definition and study of the Shariah purposes. It also seeks to build the skill of inferring legal provisions for emerging issues by recognizing the secrets and wisdoms of the Sharia rulings.

LAW 211 Litigation Procedures 3(3, 0, 0)

This course aims at introducing students to the judicial system in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia,

lawsuits and the procedures for filing them, the litigation procedures, the judicial rulings and the ways of appealing them.

Prerequisite: LAW 101

LAW 212 Civil Contracts 3(3, 0, 0)

This course aims to introduce students to the most popular contracts such as sale and lease contracts. The course will concentrate on the definition, characteristics, elements, legal effects and termination of such contracts. Some considerations will also be given to the law of Landlords and Tenants.

Prerequisite: LAW 118

LAW 218 Provisions of Real and Personal Guarantee 3(3, 0, 0)

This course will explore real property as security for the repayment of borrowed funds and other obligations. The course focuses on the obligation contract between debtor and creditor; the security agreement (mortgage, deed of trust, equitable and other mortgage substitutes) and the rights and remedies of the party in the event of failure to perform under the law in general and Saudi legal system in specific. It also discusses the topic of debt guaranty (general guaranty and private guaranty).

Prerequisite: LAW 101

LAW 223 Administrative Contracts 3(3, 0, 0)

This course aims to introduce students to the definition, basic rules, characteristics, types and examples of administrative contracts. It also illustrates the legal effects of these contracts upon their parties and others. Special concentration will be devoted to the Financial Balance of the Contract, Exceptional Circumstances Theory, the effect of the Act of Prince and the state of necessity.

Prerequisite: LAW 116

LAW 225 Methods of Proof and Execution 3(3, 0, 0)

This course deals with different methods of proof, both formal and substantive rules of evidence; writing, testimony, oath, declaration, presumptions, expertise and inspection. It also deals with the law of enforcement in terms of the enforcement department, competent officers, procedures, instruments, and the means of obligatory enforcement against debtor's property and in person".

Prerequisite: LAW 118

LAW 228 International Organizations 3(3, 0, 0)

This course aims to provide students with the concepts of public international law and theories of international organizations. The course also explores the sources of public international law, the utilization of international legal principles, and the overall notion of international institutions. Topics covered in the course include international custom, the legal basis of international practices, the relationship between public international law and internal law, the international responsibility.

LAW 229 Labor and Social Security Law 3(3, 0, 0)

The course introduces students to the Labor and Social Security laws. The first section is devoted to the study of the labor law in terms of sources and individual and collective work contracts. The second part, on the other hand, tackles various aspects of the Social Security Law, including optional and obligatory memberships, job-related risks (work casualties and job-related diseases), the unemployment allowance and the pension system.

Prerequisite: LAW 118

LAW 311 General Penal Code 3(3, 0, 0)

This course considers the general theory of both the crime and the penalty. It begins with the

definition and functions of the criminal law and its relationship with other branches of law. A reference is also made to the main elements and types of any crime. The course will also tackle the main types of penalties, the purpose of punishment and the circumstances because of which the punishment can be increased or decreased.

Prerequisite: LAW 123

LAW 315 Human Rights 3(3, 0, 0)

The course deals with the concept of human rights and its principles and their application in international declarations and conventions and in the basic systems of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. It also examines the rights of some individuals by virtue of their status as suspect, women and children. Additionally, it deals with legislative and judicial guarantees of human rights in domestic and international laws.

LAW 316 Zakat and Taxation System 3(3, 0, 0)

The course introduces students to two important interrelated topics of the Public Financial Law, viz., Zakat and taxes. The first section sheds light on the concept of Zakat, its characteristics, objectives, zakat estimation and the assets subject to zakat in accordance to the Saudi Law. The second section, on the other hand, explores the tax concept, types of taxes, determination of taxable assets, tax collection procedures, tax disputes and tax dispute settlement.

Prerequisite: LAW 111

LAW 319 Commercial Contracts and Banking Transactions 3(3, 0, 0)

This course explores the general principles of commercial law, which regulate commercial papers. The particular rules relating to cheques, promissory note and other commercial papers are examined. This course also deals with the important bank transactions in terms of their legal effects, such as financial facilitating, bail, loans, letter of credit, standby letter of credit, transfer of money etc.

Prerequisite: LAW 201

LAW 321 Bankruptcy and Company Law 3(3, 0, 0)

This course deals with the general theory of companies, their types whether they are shareholding, ordinary or mixed. This course also deals with the legal system of bankruptcy, the pre-conditions in order to issue a decision of bankruptcy and the legal effects on such a decision. In addition, the course highlights the legal rules governing factual conciliation.

Prerequisite: LAW 201

LAW 322 International Private Law 3(3, 0, 0)

This course aims at acquainting students with the private international law, its topics and sources, the definition of nationality and its elements, the methods of acquisition and loss of nationality in the Saudi system, the legal status of foreigners, law conflict rules, international jurisdiction, and enforcement of foreign judgements.

Prerequisite: LAW 122

LAW 332 Maritime and Aviation Law 3(3, 0, 0)

This course covers the following topics: ships, maritime transport contracts, maritime liability, and maritime insurance. It also covers, air freights, legal regime of airspace, liability in air accidents etc.

Prerequisite: LAW 201

LAW 335 Administrative Disputes 3(3, 0, 0)

This course aims to familiarize students with the principle of legality and its guarantees, oversight of the administration acts with an indication of the characteristics of administrative disputes in addition to the formal conditions of the cancelation claim and the means of

cancelation before administrative courts.

Prerequisite: LAW 223

LAW 336 Banking Law and Islamic Banking 3(3, 0, 0)

This course covers the following topics: interest, banking history, banking activities, commercial banks, the central bank, and Islamic Banking terms.

Prerequisite: LAW 201

LAW 411 Special Penal Code 3(3, 0, 0)

The course focuses on specific crimes regulated under Saudi Law. It mainly tackles the following list of crimes: bribing a public servant, bribery by public servants, crimes ancillary to bribery; currency /stamps forgery and counterfeit crimes; embezzlement of public money; dud check crimes, and money laundering. The course examines criminal acts under the Capital Market Law, drug-related crimes, smuggling, and cyber-crimes as well.

Prerequisite: LAW 311

LAW 414 Penal Procedures Law 3(3, 0, 0)

The course deals with the provisions pertaining to certain crimes in accordance with the provisions of the Islamic Sharia and the regulations stipulated in this regard in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, starting from the division of crimes according to jurisprudence (limits, retribution and restrictions) or legal consideration (individual crimes and money crimes).

Prerequisite: LAW 311

LAW 415 Insurance Provisions 2(2, 0, 0)

This course acquaints students with the definition of insurance contract and its various forms (e.g. life, health, auto, etc.). It also tackles the risk of insurance, the rights and obligations of the insured and the insurer in addition to the expiry of the insurance contract, and the settlement of the insurance conflict.

LAW 416 Islamic Procedural Law 3(3, 0, 0)

Islamic Procedural Law course represents an identification position between other subjects, significance, classification of criminal, civil and personal judicial law procedure, previous procedures, condition accompanying procedures, following procedures, and Islamic legal execution.

LAW 428 Judicial System and Pleadings 3(3, 0, 0)

This course examines the judicial system in detail. Topics covered include judicial authority – its hierarchy, composition, mandate, jurisdiction, and judges; pleadings law – definition, the nature of its rules; lawsuits – definition, classifications, their types in the Islamic doctrine and statutes; and pleadings’ procedures.

LAW 432 Special Topics in Law 3(3, 0, 0)

Topics vary according to student and faculty interests

LAW 434 Graduation Project and Training 3(2, 0, 1)

This (Graduation Project) course is devoted to training students to write a research project according to the well-established scientific procedures. Students are required to review the related literature, formulate a research problem, identify the procedures to be followed to investigate the research project, apply the instrumentation to collect and analyze the data, and come up with the conclusions and recommendations. Students are also required to defend their

research project in front of a panel of faculty members.

One third of the course will be dedicated to the applied side of jurisprudence and legal studies in terms of the established procedures in the Sharia and administrative courts or before the various judicial bodies and committees in addition to the practical training inside the college in the form of mock trials/virtual courts.

