



Philadelphia University
Faculty of -----
Department of law
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Course Syllabus

Course Title: Penal law (general part)	Course code: 420171
Course Level: First year	Course prerequisite (s) and/or corequisite (s): Introduction to Law
Lecture Time:	Credit hours: 3 Credit Hours

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Course module description:

7- (420171) Penal Law (General part)

Module name: Penal law/Public field law

Module number: 420171

Prerequisite: Introduction to law

Module number: 410111

This module is a detailed study of the general theory of crime and punishment based on the definition of the penal law, and determining its objectives, content and branches, and also defining a crime and its types according to the intensity of the punishment, and according to the material pillar. The course then studies the pillars of a crime represented in the legal pillar and the material pillar and its elements, as well as the moral pillar and its forms, in addition to the rules of criminal liability and their forms represented by the culprit, one who intervenes and the instigator, and finally, the penal sentences insofar as punishments, precautionary measures and their forms, and the means of their termination

Course module objectives:

1. provide students with the basic knowledge of the Penal Law, its sources and historical development
2. develop students cognitive and practical skills in the topics related to the Penal Law (general part)
3. develop students abilities to write theoretical and practical legal research papers and to further benefit from sources of knowledge and learning
4. enable students to work with a team spirit in addition to communicate effectively with others and to keep up with the latest developments

Course/ module components

- Books (title , author (s), publisher, year of publication)

Book Title	Author	Edition	Publisher	Publishing Year
Lectures in rulings of penal law	Dr. Abdulrahman T. Ahmad		Dr. Abdulrahman t. Ahmad	Amman,2001

- Support material (s) (vcs, acs, etc).
- Study guide (s) (if applicable)
- Homework and laboratory guide (s) if (applicable).

Examine some decisions and procedural court rulings in Jordan that are specialized in the general principles of penal law
an outside lecturer

Field visit/ judicial committee

Research paper

Teaching methods:

Lectures, discussion groups, tutorials, problem solving, debates, etc.

Methods	Number of Lectures	Scores' distribution
Lectures	40	80%
Multipurpose room and field visits	3	---
Student's involvement in seminars, tutorials, and group discussions	5	5%
Quizzes and Assignments	---	5%
Paper research & Essays (maximum of 3000words)	---	10%
Total	48	100%

Learning outcomes:

- Knowledge and understanding

At the end of this module, a student will be able to:

- A/1 express general principles and basic conceptions in the Jordanian Penal Law along with clarifying its traits, origins and historical development
- A/4 display knowledge in some topics relevant to the general Penal Law, and whose social and psychological dimensions are far beyond legal limits

- Cognitive skills (thinking and analysis).

B/2 diagnose and analyze material fact and legal behavior and actions and actions, and their legal classifications in the framework of the general penal Law texts

B/3 criticize and analyze legal texts and specific judicial decisions related to criminal cases

B/5 develop legal argumentation and try to deal with various legal assumptions in the field of general penal law

- Communication skills (personal and academic).

C/1 find solutions bolstered by legal evidence for actual and/or presumed problems

C/2 utilize legal, educational; printed and electronic sources of legal knowledge from which to benefit in a variety of ways

C/3 prepare research and research papers and legal articles in accordance with scientific legal methodology

- Practical and subject specific skills (Transferable Skills).

D/5 deal with topics and issues that address the local as well as the international community as well as institutions linked to this field of Law

Assessment instruments

- Short reports and/ or presentations, and/ or Short research projects
- Quizzes.
- Home works
- Final examination: 50 marks

<u>Allocation of Marks</u>	
Assessment Instruments	Mark
First examination	20%
Second examination	20%
Final examination: 50 marks	50%
Reports, research projects, Quizzes, Home works, Projects	10%
Total	100%

Documentation and academic honesty

- Documentation style (with illustrative examples)
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- Protection by copyright
- Avoiding plagiarism.

Course/module academic calendar

This module consists of (48) hours allocated into (16) weeks, (3) hours a week, divided as follows:

Week	Subject	Notes
1 st	Studying the definition of criminal law and its development	
2 nd	Studying the definition of crime, its components and elements	
3 rd	Studying classifications and types of crimes	
4 th	Studying differentiating between procedural, civil and punitive crimes	
5 th	Studying the application of penal law at a specific time	
6 th	Studying the application of penal law at a specific place	
7 th	Studying criminal interpretation	
8 th	Studying material basis of a crime and its elements	
9 th	Studying incorporeal basis of a crime	
10 th	Studying the legal basis of a crime and its elements	
11 th	Studying penalty obstructions	
12 th	Studying reasons of disclosure or exhibit	
13 th	Studying penal contribution or complicity	
14 th	Studying criminal liability	
15 th	Studying the definition of penalty- its significance	
16 th	Studying types of penalties	

Expected workload:

On average students need to spend 2 hours of study and preparation for each 50-minute lecture/tutorial.

Attendance policy:

Absence from lectures and/or tutorials shall not exceed 15%. Students who exceed the 15% limit without a medical or emergency excuse acceptable to and approved by the Dean of the relevant college/faculty shall not be allowed to take the final examination and shall receive a mark of zero for the course. If the excuse is approved by the Dean, the student shall be considered to have withdrawn from the course.

Module references

Books

Book Title	Author	Edition	Publisher	Publishing Year
General rulings in penal law	Dr. Kamil Alsaid		Althaqafah Publisher	Amman, 2001
Penal Law- General part	Dr. Muhammad S. Najim		Alilmia Publishers	Amman, 2000

Journals

Faculty of Law Journal, Kuwait University, Kuwait
Judicial Journal- Amman-Jordan
Law Society Journal- Amman, Jordan

Websites

American Journal of Criminal Law
(<http://tariton.law.utexas.edu.jornal/ajcl/index.html>)
The British Journal of criminology (<http://www.oup.com.uk>)
(<http://www.adaleh.com>)