



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

Course Title: Introduction to Law	Course code: 410111
Course Level: First year	Course prerequisite (s) and/or corequisite (s): Sources of obligation, intro to commercial law, administration (1), Criminal law (general part), legal terminologies in English, criminal law (general part)m history of Law, environmental protection law, nationality
Lecture Time: 3 Credit Hours	Credit hours:

Academic Staff Specifics

Name	Rank	Office Number and Location	Office Hours	E-mail Address

Course module description:

Course name: Introduction to law **No prerequisite required**
Course number: 410111

This course involves a study of the general theory of law in terms of expounding the concept and origin of law, the characteristic of the legal principle, the different legal principles insofar as the principles of public law and the principles of private law, and their division into mandatory, complementary or explanatory principles, and thereafter an expounding of the sources of the legal principle in general, and the sources of the legal principle in Jordanian law in particular, Moreover, the official sources such as legislation, the principles of Islamic jurisprudence, the principles of Islamic law, custom, equity and explanatory or exceptional sources such as judicial practice and jurisprudence. Likewise, it addresses the interpretation of the legal principle, and the scope of the application of a legal principle insofar as persons, places and time. This course all includes a study of the general theory of right, and deals with defining right with its various types, and an elucidation of its parties, substance, sources and the legal protection determined for it.

Course module objectives:

- 1. Provide students with basic and advanced knowledge of the branches of Jordanian law and its various sources.**
- 2. enable students to develop their intellectual and practical skills and develop their capacity to learn**
- 3. developing as well as enhancing students abilities to write and prepare articles, reports and research papers in addition to training them for legal writing**

Course/ module components

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

Book Title	Author	Edition	Publisher	Publishing Year
Introduction to the Study of Legal sciences	Abdul Qader Alfar		Althaqafa Publishers	2004

- Support material (s) (vcs, acs, etc).**
- Study guide (s) (if applicable)**
- Homework and laboratory guide (s) if (applicable).**
- Bring in an outside lecturer**
- Field visit**
- research paper**

Teaching methods:

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

Methods	Number of Lectures	Scores' distribution
Lectures	38	90%
Multipurpose room and field visits	5	-----
Student's involvement in seminars, tutorials, and group discussions	5	5%
Quizzes and Assignments	--	-----
Paper research & Essays (maximum of 3000words)	-----	5%
Total	48	100%

Learning outcomes:

- Knowledge and understanding**

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

- **Cognitive skills (thinking and analysis).**
express the basic concepts, principle values and elements for the legal system in general, and the branches of the Jordanian law in particular, in terms of its sources and historical development.
- **Communication skills (personal and academic).**
 - utilize legal, educational ; printed and electronic sources of legal knowledge and to further use them in different ways
 - become well-rounded with the legislation, judicial opinion and various jurisprudential expositions
- **Practical and subject specific skills (Transferable Skills).**
 - analyze, interpret and evaluate the legislative texts and administrative and international decisions, judicial interpretations, jurisprudential and theoretical opinions and other issues relevant to Law
 - develop legal argumentation and deal in an ideal manner with various logical assumptions in light of specific circumstances

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	Defining Law and illustrating its function and development	
2 nd	Characteristics of the legal basis	
3 rd	Sections and branches of law	
4 th	Official sources for the Jordanian Law	
5 th	Non-official sources	
6 th	Practicing law and principles governing it	
7 th	Defining right and illustrating its types	
8 th	Sources of right (legal fact, legal disposition)	
9 th	Legal basis (right persons, right premises, legal protection of right)	
10 th	Right persons (natural personality and judicial personality)	
11 th	Right premises	
12 th	Legal protection of right	
13 th	Right proof, defining proof and illustrating its significance, organizing proof and its doctrine	
14 th	Proof premises, proof doctrine	
15 th	Use of right, the need to stay on the borders of logic	
16 th	<i>Final exam</i>	

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
studies in introduction to the legal sciences	Dr. Numan M. Khalil			
Introduction to the legal sciences	Dr. Tawfiq H. Faraj			
Studies in the introduction to the legal sciences	Dr. Mansoor M. Mansoor			
Introduction to the Legal sciences	Dr. Suleiman Marrqas			

Journals

Law Society Journal
Lawyers Journal
Faculty of Law Journal
Judicial Journal
Jordan's official newspaper

Websites

Duke law journal
<http://www.law.duke.edu/jopurnals/dlj/dljtoc52n5.htm>
Electronic journal of comparative law
<http://www.law.kub.nl/ejcl/>
The internet law library
<http://www.lawresearch.com>