



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

Course Title: : Law of criminal procedures	Course code: 420493
Course Level: Fourth year	Course prerequisite (s) and/or corequisite (s): crimes against property
Lecture Time:	Credit hours: 3 Credit Hours

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Course module description:

Module name: Criminal law of procedure Prerequisite: Crimes against property
Module number: 420493 Module number: 420273

This course is an introduction to the criminal law of procedure. It is a detailed study of public lawsuits insofar as the legal rules for filing them and the authority that is competent to do so. Then, it deals with the reasons for terminating the lawsuit, and addresses the lawsuit and personal right, insofar as the parties of the lawsuit and the conditions for filing them and the means for ending them. The study also includes: the theories that govern the rules or criminal procedures such as the theory of competence, invalidity and proof. Finally, the study includes the stages that a criminal lawsuit goes through insofar as ascertainment, statement, investigation, deduction preliminary investigation and trial. The course also deals with the methods of appealing judicial criminal decisions.

Course module objectives:

1. provide students with the basic and advanced knowledge in the Jordanian law of criminal procedures and its judicial applications
2. develop cognitive and practical skills as well as develop their abilities to learn and apply theoretical knowledge to actual cases related to criminal procedures
3. enable students to develop their written and oral skills, in addition to develop their ability to deal in an ideal manner with the various judicial procedures relevant to criminal lawsuits
4. develop students ability to benefit from modern techniques in addition to search through sources of legal knowledge
5. prepare students and qualify them for technical legal training as well as enable them to perform the job and legal services in accordance with the demand of job market
6. graduate students capable of positive and effective influence in the various professions and legal activities

Course/ module components

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

Book Title	Author	Edition	Publisher	Publishing Year
Criminal Procedural Law	Dr. Muhammad Subhi		Althaqafah Publishers	2000

- Support material (s) (vcs, acs, etc).
- Study guide (s) (if applicable)
- Homework and laboratory guide (s) if (applicable).
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Discussion for some resolution and criminal procedures issued by the Jordanian criminal courts
an outside lecturer

Field visit

Research paper, (workshop in the multipurpose room)

Teaching methods:

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

Methods	Number of Lectures	Scores' distribution
Lectures	33	80%
Multipurpose room and field visits	5	----
Student's involvement in seminars, tutorials, and group discussions	5	5%
Quizzes and Assignments	5	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.2 display advanced knowledge of the theoretic as well as practical problems related to criminal procedures in the Jordanian Law, all of which will be accomplished through activating criminal law procedures at the time of the crimes listed under the criminal law as well as all the legal texts

A/3 understand the Jordanian judicial constitutions along with the other judicial quarters related to criminal lawsuits and specializations

A/5 understand the constitutions of international institutions related to criminal lawsuits

- **Cognitive skills (thinking and analysis).**

B/1 apply theoretical knowledge in the field of criminal procedures to practical and/or presumed issues

- **Communication skills (personal and academic).**

C/1 research law through its various sources in order to derive data bolstered by knowledge and be able to find logical solutions to real or presumed problems related to criminal procedures, in addition to presenting and classifying them according to their level of importance

C/2 utilize legal, educational, printed and electronic sources of legal knowledge and to further benefit from them in various ways

C/5 formulate the various judicial regulations related to the criminal procedures and lawsuits

C/6 perform the role in legal and judicial activities in compliance with the ethics of the profession, and to further illustrate knowledge and the ability to perform the various judicial- criminal and written and oral

- **Practical and subject specific skills (Transferable Skills).**

D/2 use modern techniques and electronic data basis

D/3 Use English and Arabic and recognize legal terminologies

D/6 be prepared in advance to perform tasks and manage time appropriately, assess personal capabilities and to further benefit from feedback.

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)

- 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	Introducing students to the law of criminal procedure, significance, related issues, relationship with the criminal law, and civil codes and procedural systems used throughout history	
2 nd	Studying the position of the Jordanian lawmaker on procedural systems and its historical development in the Jordanian legislative system, evidence of criminal dispute /sides/types	
3 rd	Studying the lawsuits resulting from crime as far as the types of these lawsuits, after which there is a study of the public lawsuit filed by the public prosecution	
4 th	Studying the reasons behind ruling or dropping a public lawsuit, illustrating these reasons which include; death of the complained, amnesty, prescription, waiver, reconciliation and/or forgiveness	
5 th	Studying personal right lawsuit (civil lawsuit), illustrating reasons for this lawsuit and its content, as well as going through with it before the criminal or civil court	
6 th	Studying the primary stages of a criminal lawsuit before its is referred to court. This is done through illustrating the stages of reasoning, investigation and judicial police	
7 th	Studying the primary stage of the criminal lawsuit, which is the initial investigation wherein the specific authority comes into the picture with the required procedures at this stage	
8 th	Studying the arrangement and formation of the penal courts within the framework of the Jordanian punitive trials through illustrating the types and specializations values and status of courts	
9 th	Studying the final stage of the criminal lawsuit which is the trial itself, through illustrating procedures that must be followed in the specific penal courts	
10 th	Studying the proof of punitive lawsuits through illustrating the manner of proving this type of lawsuit, including; testimony, confession, inspection, presumptions and evidence in writing	
11 th	Studying samples of penal rulings or decisions and illustrating the method of issuing such decisions, the issuer of these rulings, in addition to illustrating the types of relevant courts	
12 th	Studying appeal against penal decisions, illustrating the types of procedures necessary for appeal against these rulings or decisions	
13 th	Studying ways of uncommon appeal which include; distinguishing punitive decisions, and performing re-trials of punitive decisions	
14 th	Studying the theory of nullity in the Jordanian punitive trials through the illustration of nullity theory in general	
15 th	Studying the role of nullity during initial	

16th	Studying nullity and performing a trial to illustrate the nullity of the subpoena and for its invalidity. A nullity of the decision	
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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
An Elucidation to the Principles of Criminal trials	Dr. Kamil ALSad		Althaqafah Publishers	Amman-Jordan, 2001
An Elucidation to the Law of Criminal Procedures	Dr. Hussein Jokhadar		Althaqafah Publishers	Amman-Jordan, 1997
Lectures on the Law of Criminal Procedures	Dr. Farouq AlKilani		Althaqafah Publishers	Amman-Jordan, 1995
The principles of Law of Criminal Procedures	Dr.Mamdou h Albahr		Althaqafah Publishers	Amman-Jordan, 1998

Journals

Faculty of Law Journal- Alexandria- Egypt

Right Journal- Tanta- Egypt

Law Society Journal- Amman-Jordan

Websites

The British Journal of Criminology <http://www.oup.co.uk/crimin>

American Journal of Criminal Law
<http://tarlton.law.utexas.edu/journals/ajcl/index.htm>