

LLM Course Description

LAW 510 Research Skills and Methods:

This course provides a comprehensive overview of the research process and equips students with the knowledge and practical skills necessary for conducting a legal research. The course covers different research methods, including quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods approaches, and teaches students how to select appropriate methods based on their research questions and analyze data using surveys, interviews, focus groups, and statistical analysis.

LAW 512 International Business Law

This course addresses various areas of law and international business. It examines the legal framework of the WTO, international sales contracts - especially as governed by the international Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods - the law relating to the international transport of goods by sea, and international payments (documentary credits). The course also includes a study of arbitration as a means of resolving international commercial disputes. Students undertaking the course will develop understanding in contracts, treaties, statutes and case law relating to trade and to the conduct of business across borders. In addition, students will enhance analysis and problem-solving skills.

LAW 514 Corporate Law

This course investigates the identification of a corporation and the differences between corporations and companies. The course also investigates the various forms of companies under the newly enacted Saudi companies' law, the company's legal personality, and the general regulations currently applicable to the termination and liquidation of a company under Saudi law.

LAW 520 Capital Market Regulations

This course explores the structure and the regulation of securities and capital Saudi Arabia and abroad. The topics covered in this course include, amongst others, the regulatory framework for the capital markets, securities offering, stock exchange listing, market misconduct such as insider trading in Saudi Arabia and Several Advanced economies such as the United States and the United Kingdom.

LAW 521 Insolvency Law

This course covers the different legal aspects of a Saudi insolvency, with its different procedures and requirements, with some aspects of a comparative approach in order to put things in perspective. This course examines several topics related to corporate insolvency law. Theories of corporate bankruptcy law, various insolvency procedures, creditors' claims and security, questionable transactions, and director accountability are among the topics that will be explored.

LAW 525 International Intellectual Property Law

This course aims to provide students with knowledge and understanding of key concepts in intellectual property law from an international perspective. This course focuses on international treaties that deal with the protection of IP types. These international treaties include the World Trade Organization's (WTO) Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS), the Berne Conventions, and the Paris Convention. In addition, this course provides in-depth knowledge about Intellectual Property Law, the philosophical aspect, legal theory and justifications for granting quasi-property protection to intellectual property rights.

LAW 530 Banking Law

This course provides students with in-depth knowledge regarding the legal framework of Saudi banking sector. It aims at introducing a comprehensive study of the various Saudi laws and regulations governing the Saudi banking sector with a special focus on the transnational transactions and Islamic banking. Specifically, emphasizing on the role of Saudi Central Bank (SAMA) and the regulatory structure in which banks operate at the national and the international level.

LAW 536 Investment Law

This course addresses what has become one of the most controversial fields of international law. It aims to provide students with the major themes and issues of investment law. The course also addresses the main principles and standards that govern the relations between hosting states and foreign investors. Throughout the course, students will analyse the substantive principles of investment law, such as most-favoured nation treatment, fair and equitable treatment, and the rules relating to expropriation. The course addresses the importance of the bilateral and multilateral treaties in the context of investment protection with special reference to Saudi Arabia. The course also examines the effectiveness of the dispute settlement mechanisms in the context of investment disputes.

LAW 537 International Commercial Arbitration

This course examines international commercial arbitration as a means of dispute resolution, the arbitration agreements and clauses, its various types, its advantages and disadvantages, and its procedural and substantive characteristics. The course distinguishes between arbitration and other methods of dispute resolution in terms of efficiency. Also, the course investigates the termination of the arbitration process, and the enforcement of local and foreign arbitral awards.

LAW 596 Independent Research I

This is a course that teaches students how to write a research proposal. This is a crucial course that will assist students how to strengthen their knowledge in a specific area of law and set a strong foundation for writing a full research paper. This is a preliminary course for LAW 597. In this course, students will write a research proposal whilst keeping in mind some fundamental questions. The preeminent question is how will the student's research enrich existing approaches in their chosen area of study, and what is the major contribution that the student is going to make? Why is this useful? In addition, the student should reflect carefully on how this contribution will be made. What methodology or theoretical framework will be employed? Along with the instructions of a supervisor, students will include in their research proposal essential elements, such as, statement of the problem, research objective, and research questions.

LAW 597 Independent Research II

This is a course that will allow students to write in full an academic research paper that is based on their research proposal in LAW 596. In this course, students are expected to present the results of original research on a legal topic, provide analysis, interpretation, and argument based on in-depth independent research.