

Bachelor of Law

Brief Course Descriptions of General Courses

Arabic and Islamic Courses:

ARB102 – Communication skills in Arabic (2-0-2)

The course deals with basic skills in Arabic language, such as the basics of Arabic grammar and communication skills. As well, the course covers the structure of the Arabic language, phonetic, semantic, and writings.

ARB202 – Writing Skills in Arabic (2-0-2)

The main purpose of the course is to provide students with the basic knowledge and foundations of technical writing in Arabic. More specifically, students will learn how to use words in writing sentences and paragraphs. As well, in this course students will learn how to apply their Arabic writing skills in official letters, memos, and reports.

ISL 101: Foundation of Islamic Culture (2-0-2)

In this course, students will learn how Islamic culture and teaching is closely related to the daily lives of Muslims and challenging issues they may face. In this course, student will learn how the Islamic teaching governs their daily lives and interactions with others. As well, they will learn basic rights in Islamic laws.

ISL 201: Foundation of Economics in Islam (2-0-2)

This course will provide students with the foundations of economics in Islam and how these foundations are related to their daily lives, financial transactions, and management of their properties. As well, in this course, students will learn money-related issues and practices and how economics in Islam deals with challenging issues that Muslims face in modern economics.

ENG 101: English Essay Writing (3-0-3)

This is an advanced level writing course requires extensive reading and writing. The primary goal of this course is three-folds: (a) to provide students with practical information about the essentials of writing that can be applied to both academic and professional contexts. It will cover the writing process from the pre-writing stages of planning and organization through actual writing, revision, and editing; (b) to improve students' writing skills and prepare them to write a formal research paper; (c) to demonstrate and refine their acquired research skills by critically reading and evaluating sources in addition to using them as supporting evidence in their essays.

MGT 101: Introduction to management (3-0-3)

This course is an introduction to the principles of good management and the effective utilization of human and material resources to achieve the objectives of an enterprise. The course emphasizes not only planning, organizing, staffing, directing, and controlling functions of management, but also includes such factors as effective communications and relationships, motivation, and managing for change.

Social Sciences/Humanity Electives:

SOS 101: Saudi Heritage (3-0-3)

This course presents Saudi culture in its two forms: popular and elite as well as its development throughout history by the use of both theoretical and applicatory parts. The course covers the topics of the Saudi heritage in its tangible and intangible dimensions and its extension throughout history by studying the heritage left to us by previous generations, such as: historical sites, ancient palaces, lyrical heritage, performing arts, governance, proverbs, stories and poetry, and its relationship to man in a previous period of time.

PHL 101: Critical Thinking (3-0-3)

This is a general academic course that is designed to provide students with the critical thinking skills that they need in their academic, professional and personal life. The primary goal of this course is to develop the students' innate rational capacities so that they become rational thinkers who are in charge of their own reasoning and break free from egocentric forms of impulsive thinking.

PSY 101: Principles of Psychology (3-0-3)

The course will give a history of general psychology, phases, and development. It will also touch upon important subjects on modern psychology, such as motivation, drivers of behavior, mental processes: thinking, perception, language, attention, memory, intelligence, and individual differences.

SOS 102: Introduction to Social Science (3-0-3)

This course provides several ways of introducing students to conceptualize the nature of the human world and social life. This course will focus on the Sociological perspective, especially to the discipline of Sociology, its basic concepts, theories, perspectives, methods of analysis, and its major sub-fields. It is a field of study that explains several sociological topics, such as culture, families, social groups, organizations, and networks and their effects on society and the manner in which people interact with each other and influence their social and economic environment around them.

CHI107 - Chinese Language (3-0-3)

This course is designed for the students for them to have some basic knowledge about Chinese language and develop students' ability to understand Chinese pronunciation, distinguish different syllables as opposed to Arabic. As well, study and practice Chinese character writing, study and practice Chinese daily conversations. The course will help students to get some knowledge about China's culture including China's different ethnic groups, cultural traditions, holidays, China's Muslim and art.

FRE106 - French Language (3-0-3)

This course introduces students to the culture and language of the French-speaking world. Students will develop an ability to interact, communicate and understand the French language through reading, writing, listening, and speaking. In addition, this course will develop students' ability to understand French pronunciation, distinguish different syllables as opposed to Arabic.

Brief Descriptions of Mandatory Law Courses

LAW101 - Introduction to Law (3-0-3)

This course is designed to provide students with an overview of the law and its fundamental legal concepts, touching upon a variety of topics. Define "Law.", List and describe the schools of jurisprudential thought, examine how laws in your community are made, the difference between law and other social norms, and domestic and international sources of law.

LAW115 - Family law (2-0-2)

The course focuses on Islamic principles related to family law. This course provides students with deep knowledge on key subjects related to the rules of marriage agreement and engagement by identifying marriage and showing its aims and provision. Students will learn about the elements of the agreement, its conditions, its impediments, the terms on tutorship in marriage, the conditions coupled with the agreement and their effect on it, the conjugal rights for each party, custody and its provisions, divorce, and recession, separation by Khula'a and Zihar.

LAW116 - Legal Writing (3-0-3)

This course is designed to provide students with further assistance in legal writing and equip them for their future work environments. The course focuses on the characteristics and structure of legal documents, including legal briefs, correspondence, memorandums, petitions, and contracts. Formatting and critical thinking will be applied to a variety of different legal writing

aspects, with a specific focus on the Saudi context where possible. Additionally, students will learn legal researching and referencing skills.

LAW117 – Usul Alfiqh (3-0-3)

This course focuses on the theory and philosophy of Islamic rulings. The course introduces a variety of theoretical and other perspectives of the nature of Islamic Rulings (Usul Al-Fiqh). Students will learn about the essentials of doctrine and its origin, the sources of agreed provisions in Quran, Sunnah, Consensus measurement, ancillary sources, acceptance, custom, Fatwa of Prophet's companions, ending pretexts. The course provides a vast knowledge required to understand the necessity of the establishment of Islamic Rulings.

LAW118 – Constitutional Law (3-0-3)

This course provides students with the general principles of constitutional law, the concept of the state. This course also explores various types of constitutional forms, differentiates between legislative, executive, and judicial functions with an emphasis on the Saudi Basic Law of Governance, the regime of the Shura Council, the regime of the Council of ministers, and the regime of the bai'a authority.

LAW119 – Professional Responsibilities (2-0-2)

This course considers the legal obligations and ethical expectations of an attorney in not only a professional capacity but also on a non-professional, personal level. Examined are the professional conduct requirements relative to an attorney's relationship with clients, other attorneys, the legal system and even the community at large. The content focuses on the Lawyering Law and how this regulatory scheme is being judicially interpreted. The application of these rules is analyzed through problem situations using cases, readings, videos and guest commentators.

LAW201 – Source of Obligations (3-0-3)

This course provides a legal study of the origin of an obligation in particular its nature and effect, the different types of obligations, and the method of their

termination. The course also provides essential concepts of classifying the contracts, defining and differentiating various types of sources of obligations to apply them accordingly in the practical field.

LAW202 – Administrative Law 1 (3-0-3)

This course focuses on the basics of administrative law, and its sources. Students will learn the features of the administrative law, the relation between the administrative law and other laws and public administration, the origins of the administrative law, standard of the administrative law, the administrative rules, centralization and decentralization, the administrative regulation in the Kingdom, the central authorities, the regime of municipalities and villages in the Kingdom. The regime of zones, the privileges of the public authorities: the discretionary power, the direct execution, the administrative policing, the public agent.

LAW203 – Public International Law 1 (3-0-3)

This course provides the basic knowledge about Public International Law, its relation with Private International Law & national law; it focuses on the Sources & Persons of International Law, and Diplomacy.

LAW204 – Juristic rules in Islamic Jurisprudence (3-0-3)

This course introduces students to the field of Islamic law. It is designed to give students a firm grounding in the principles, concepts, and terminology of Islamic law. Students will study the history, theory, and role of Islamic law. Also. The students will be able to acquire knowledge about some basic Islamic financial transactions.

LAW205 – Criminal Law 1 (3-0-3)

This course covers the basic notions and terminologies of general criminal law by exploring the general rules and provisions regarding the components of a crime and the scope of application of criminal provisions. The course also explores territorial jurisdiction, personality jurisdiction, and subject-matter jurisdiction and defines issues related to penalties in fine depth.

LAW218 – Administrative Law 2 (3-0-3)

This course discusses main topics related to administrative law. Students will learn about administrative decisions, the components of the administrative decision, varieties of administrative decisions, the enforceability of the administrative decision, the end of the administrative decisions. Along the identification of the administrative contracts, the standard of the administrative contract, the components of the administrative contract, sets of administrative contracts, the provisions of a public competition, limited competition, direct insurance, the consequences of the administrative contract, powers of administration and the contractor's rights.

LAW229 – Public International Law 2 (2-0-2)

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.

LAW230 – Criminal Law 2 (3-0-3)

This course defines and discusses the criminal law in Sharia law and in written law. It discusses different crimes studies and criminal laws under Saudi regulation. It discusses different kinds of crimes, such as bribery crimes, authority abuse, money conversion and money laundering. It analyzes and criticizes the legal texts and court decisions relating to criminal proceedings by including the discussion of legal provisions that can be interpreted variably. It also discusses the purpose of deriving appropriate solutions to the controversial legal issues in relation to criminal law in Sharia. It further uses the various sources of education for the necessary information to write legal research in the matter related to criminal law.

LAW231 – Effects of Obligations (3-0-3)

This course is the second part of the Theory of Obligations, after the first part, Sources of Obligations. In keeping with the civil law tradition, the course covers the life of a civil obligation once it is established until it ends. It covers the performance of such obligations through specific performance and compensation, whether monetary or alternative performance. It covers the ways an obligation is fulfilled without performance like in netting and novation, and ways it expires without actually being performed, like impossibility or through statute of Fraud. It also covers actions that a creditor may take to protect his General Guarantee, as well as qualifications of obligations, like term and conditions and options.

LAW235 – Property Law (3-0-3)

This course provides the knowledge of property-related rules, regulations & principles in a profound way. The importance and implementation of Property law under Saudi law & various other essential aspects relevant to the property dealings, ownership, leasing, movable and immovable property. Etc. The course also addresses intellectual property and other types of personal property.

LAW301 – Commercial Law (3-0-3)

This course aims to provide students with extensive knowledge of commercial law and its history, development, sources, and scope of application with emphasis on the Saudi approach to it. Students will learn about the purpose of commercial law, its form and function, types of businesses and conditions for acquiring merchant status and the role of the legal system in commerce. This course also explores key notions in the lifecycle of commercial transactions, including personal property and its securitization, laws regulating the sale of goods domestically and globally, bankruptcy, guarantees, and insurance.

LAW302 – Labor Law and Social Security (3-0-3)

This course aims to introduce students to the general framework of Labor Law and Social Security. This course covers main aspects of regulating the individual employment relationship (such as employment contracts, statutory

rights, compensation, benefits, protection from discrimination, dismissal and redundancy protection and health and safety).

LAW303 – Civil Contracts (3-0-3)

The course focuses on the types of contracts and the formation and consequences of the contract such as sale of goods and lease contracts. Other contracts may be addressed, such as agency. This course looks at two general types of contracts: sales and leases. Sales contracts are defined, and their terms and conditions elaborated on. Similarly, leases are analyzed and explained.

LAW304 – Civil and Commercial Procedures (3-0-3)

This course is a study of the process of civil trial from the commencement of a lawsuit through final judgment under modern statutes and rules of court. Students will be able to know the rules and norms that govern noncriminal cases. This course will cover some of the most important aspects of the litigation process, including the determination of what court or courts have the jurisdiction to dispose of the cases presented and what substantive rules of law are applicable. Along the way, an introduction to alternatives to this highly formalized mode of dispute resolution will be presented.

LAW308 – Real Estate and Personal Guarantees (3-0-3)

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).

LAW309 – Islamic Regulations of Inheritance and wills endowments (3-0-3)

In this course, the students will learn a variety of Islamic rulings on inheritance, wills, intestacy, and gift. Students will acquire the knowledge of endowments according to Islamic ruling and Saudi law, and the litigation process. It defines the rules and principles of the Law of Inheritance in a scholarly way. The application of these rules is analyzed through legal practices in examining real and hypothetical cases.

LAW314 - Evidence (3-0-3)

This course involves an analysis of the principles governing proof of facts in litigation under Sharia and law. The course covers rules and legal principles that govern the proof of facts in a legal proceeding and the importance of evidence of every kind related to the proceeding. Students will learn about methods of evidence, the procedure of evidence, the competent authorities of execution, and proceedings of execution.

LAW316 - Company Law (3-0-3)

This course aims to provide the student the knowledge of fundamental concepts of Company Law. Students will learn about the contract of the company, its elements, and the characteristics of different types of companies and establishments. Students will learn about the provisions of enterprises “joint-stock company limited company by shares – Limited Liability Company”, the provisions of the partnerships, general partnership, limited partnership, particular partnership, causes of the termination of the company and the provisions of its liquidation. Students will acquire knowledge of the financial and administrative structure of the company.

LAW317 - Commercial Contracts and Banking Operations (3-0-3)

The course covers the general and rules of commercial contracts including commercial sale, agency, and franchise. It also looks at different important banking operations from a transactional law point of view, especially bank deposits and accounts and letters of credit. Students will learn about the legal system that regulates the commercial obligations in these contracts, the legal relation that governs the banking transactions related to the various types of

accounts and documentary credit, other banking products which are governed by their special contracts.

LAW326 – Criminal Procedure Law (3-0-3)

The course provides students with fundamental knowledge of the principles of criminal procedures. Students in this course will learn about criminal prosecution, evidence collection, primary investigation, and admissibility of electronic evidence at the stage of examination and primary investigation. Also, the competent jurisdictions of these procedures, the rules governing them, theory of the nullity of criminal procedure, fundamentals of penal trial publicity, orality and presence, the subject of the rules of the jurisdiction of the criminal courts, the rules of criminal evidence, penal sanction, its concept, characters, the methods of challenging the judgments, the rules of executing penalties.

LAW327 – Administrative Judiciary (3-0-3)

This course focuses on the basic concepts of Administrative Judiciary. It covers the principles of legality & guidance to review various acts administratively. Administrative judiciary in Saudi Arabia and the jurisdiction of the Board of Grievance as an administrative court

LAW328 – Alternative Dispute Resolution (3-0-3)

This course covers the alternative ways legal disputes may be settled outside a courtroom, collectively known as Alternative Dispute Resolution or ADR. They include Arbitration, to which most of the course is dedicated, in addition to mediation and conciliation. They are covered in light of Saudi law in addition to its international aspects. It covers the agreement or clauses that establish the ADR between the parties, the different requirements for valid ADR, the rules and regulations that govern the procedures and substance of the dispute and legal validity of any decision taken pursuant to the ADR, including the validity and enforceability in different countries.

LAW422 – Maritime & Air Law (3-0-3)

This course covers Maritime and Air Law. The focus of the course is on commercial marine and air transportation and the different law, domestic and international treaties that govern it, with a focus on the liability of the carrier. The course also covers aspects related to the registration and transactions affecting Ships, accidents that take place at the sea and marine insurance.

LAW424 – Private International Law (3-0-3)

The course aims to provide a general grounding in Private International Law (PIL) including that created by international institutions such as UNCITRAL, The Hague Conference on Private International Law and OAS. PIL course covers three main topics, nationality and citizenship, foreigners' rights, and conflict of laws and jurisdiction. PIL provides a set of legal rules for cases where the parties related to a legal dispute are connected with different legal systems.

LAW425 – Commercial Papers and Bankruptcy (3-0-3)

This course covers two distinct topics of business law. The first is Negotiable Instruments including Bill of Exchanges, Cheques and Promissory notes. Based on the Negotiable Instruments Law, but also with reference to the Geneva Model laws, students study the establishment, validity, negotiation, and collection of those instruments. The second is Bankruptcy, which is covered in light of the new Saudi Bankruptcy law. It covers the seven procedures established by law: Protective Settlement, Financial restructuring, liquidation both for regular and small debtors, and finally the administrative liquidation. It also covers general rulings regarding jurisdiction and secured creditors.

LAW427 – Law of Execution (2-0-2)

This course defines and explores in detail legal implementation in an eloquent profundity. The course clarifies all the aspects related to the legal implementation in general and Saudi judicial enforcement law. Students in this course will study the principles of implementation in a legally effective way. Moreover, students will explore the Saudi enforcement law and its practical procedures.

LAW429 – Intellectual Property (3-0-3)

This course provides students with the knowledge of the core subjects of intellectual property law, patents, copyrights, trademarks and GI (Geographical Indications). It analyses the fundamental principles of these sets of laws to provide an understanding of the procedures for acquiring and upholding intellectual property rights within the national Law.

LAW430 – Zakat and Taxation Law (3-0-3)

This course provides the students with essential knowledge of the various principles and laws of zakat and tax procedures. The course also focuses on various zakat characteristics, which assets are subject to Zakat according to the Saudi law and examining the tax laws focusing on the concept of tax and a variety of types of taxes, tax collection procedures, tax disputes and settlement.

Brief Descriptions of Law Elective Courses

LAW401 – Economic Crimes (3-0-3)

This course will empower students to learn about the basic issues of criminal liability, understand the various forms of economic crimes from the viewpoint of criminal law substantive and procedural, criminalistics and criminology, learn how to apply the knowledge acquired in their entrepreneurial and managerial, practical activities as well as for the protection of the entity they work for.

LAW404 – Media Law (3-0-3)

This course introduces a comprehensive range of topics and models, such as privacy and art, the Digital Millennium Copyright Act, Open Source public license, Creative Commons, Digital Rights Management, as well as working definitions of Fair Use and the practical limits of sampling/mixing in different idioms and economic sectors.

LAW405 – Sport Law (3-0-3)

Through this course, students will be introduced to legal issues arising in professional sports, Saudi Sports Law and related regulations. This course provides the study of sports contracts, breach of contracts and tort liability in brief depth. In addition, it explores the regulations on how to participate in sports events. The application of these rules are analyzed through problem situations using cases, readings, videos and guest commentators.

LAW413 – Environmental Law (3-0-3)

This course is introducing students to the fundamental knowledge and topics of environmental Law such as, sustainable development and the law; environmental planning through environmental impact assessment and land-use law; environmental protection laws with an emphasis on Saudi environmental laws, climate change water resources law; heritage issues and the protection of biological diversity.

LAW414 – Oil and Gas Law (3-0-3)

This course is about the legal aspects of oil and gas industry in general. Its history, development. With focusing on the various laws, legislations, and policies that are related to the oil and gas industry.

LAW417 – Medical Law (3-0-3)

This course elaborates and defines medical law and ethics. It characterizes several aspects related to the medical field, such as the civil and negligence liability in medical law, the purpose of the duty of care and medical damages, the defense of medical liability, malpractice claims...etc. Students in this course will learn how to select and prepare medical negligence cases for trial, with a focus on the use of discovery tools in medical cases, hiring and working with medical experts, and explore settlement, subrogation, and probate approval for the settled claims of a minor.

LAW440 – Human Rights (3-0-3)

The course involves the legal, philosophical, and sociological underpinnings of human rights. The course will focus on the United Nations and its role in formulating, interpreting, and monitoring human rights. It will also focus on human rights under Islamic law.

LAW441 – Insurance Law (3-0-3)

This course is a study of the meaning of Insurance and its evolution in general and in Saudi Arabia in particular. It focuses on the functions of Insurance. It discusses the different types of insurance such as marine, accident, fire, motor vehicle, property, liability Insurance and reinsurance. The course explains the main principles of insurance, for example, insurable interest, utmost good faith, indemnity, warranties and subrogation. In addition, it discusses the formation of insurance contract, its terms and conditions, parties to a contract of insurance, their rights and duties, assignment of insurable policies, insurance claims and its settlement. The course further discusses the rules regulating insurance intermediaries, their rights and duties. It explains the legal framework within which insurance companies and other related institutions carry out their business in Saudi Arabia. It finally distinguishes litigation claims and defenses that are unique to insurance relationships.

LAW442 – Criminology and Penology (3-0-3)

This course designed to expose students to more than just the laws that they are learning, but the social context in which they will need once they become practicing lawyers. Students will learn the history of crime and how it has changed over the years, including Lombroso's Anthropological Theory. Different types of crimes, case studies, and differences in laws and crimes between different countries are explored; culminating in the penal and reform care of countries around the world. Students will learn the importance of understanding the context of a crime in order to practice law better.

LAW444 – Capital Market Law (3-0-3)

This course will provide the knowledge of fundamental concepts of Capital Market Law. It emphasizes the variety of theoretical, practical, and other perspectives on the nature of capital market law. Also, guiding the ways of

application of the law to solve legal issues with the certainty of following the correct procedures. Students enrolled in the course will understand the regulatory framework for addressing complex financial market transactions