

Course Descriptions

Year 1 Course Description

Course code	Course title	Prerequisites	Lecture hrs	Credit hrs	Language
LAW 111	Introduction to Law 1	None	45	3	English

The course aims at giving the students the first approach to law, in order to proceed in the successive steps of their legal studies. It is composed of two distinct parts: 1) an introduction that covers general principles and sources of law, history of law and distinction between the Civil, Common and Islamic Law systems; 2) the differences between the main legal categories and the branches of law.

Course code	Course title	Prerequisites	Lecture hrs	Credit hrs	Language
LAW 112	Introduction to Law 2	LAW 111	45	3	English

The course focuses on the notion of rights, and the different types of rights. It also provides a general introduction to legal status and legal personality, as well as an overview on the system of courts and the legal professionals.

Course code	Course title	Prerequisites	Lecture hrs	Credit hrs	Language
LAW 114	Constitutional Law 1 (Major Political Systems)	None	45	3	English

The course aims at providing students with fundamentals of Constitutional Law and principles, and covers the major political systems in the world: parliamentary system, presidential system, semi-presidential, monarchy and constitutional monarchies, federal states.

Course code	Course title	Prerequisites	Lecture hrs	Credit hrs	Language
LAW 115	English for Law	None	45	3	English

The course is designed to improve ability to write common legal text types in English such as letters or memorandums, improve ability to read and understand legal text such as law journals, articles and legal correspondence, increasing comprehension of legal terminology in English.

Course code	Course title	Prerequisites	Lecture hrs	Credit hrs	Language
LAW 117	General Theory of Obligations	LAW 111	45	3	Arabic

The course focuses on the fundamental principles of Civil Law, covering the sources and types of obligations, and specifically the contract in terms of its definition, conditions of conclusion, validity, interpretation, effects and dissolution.

Course code	Course title	Prerequisites	Lecture hrs	Credit hrs	Language
LAW 118	Legal Research and Writing Skills	None	45	3	English

The course consists in a series of sequenced, interrelated exercises introducing students to the way lawyers conduct legal research through traditional methods and electronic tools, analyse and frame legal positions, and present their work in writing arguments.

Year 2 Course Description

Course code	Course title	Prerequisites	Lecture hrs	Credit hrs	Language
LAW 210	Legal Professional Ethics	39 Credits Earned	45	3	English

The course covers the principles of conduct that members of the legal profession are expected to observe in their practice, by focusing on both legal ethics and professional codes of conduct.

Course code	Course title	Prerequisites	Lecture hrs	Credit hrs	Language
LAW 233	Criminal Law 1	None	45	3	Arabic

The course is a general introduction to Criminal Law and it aims at the knowledge of the general principles of the offence and sanctions, providing a first general overview on the issues treated in the Bahrain Penal Code. The course will focus on the issues related to the principles underlying the definition of crime and general doctrines such as ignorance of fact and ignorance of law, cause, attempt, complicity and conspiracy. Principles of justification and excuse will be examined with particular attention to the doctrines of necessity, intoxication, insanity, diminished capacity and automatism. Throughout, emphasis is placed on the basic theory of the criminal law and the relationship between doctrines and the various justifications for imposition of punishment.

Course code	Course title	Prerequisites	Lecture hrs	Credit hrs	Language
LAW 234	Constitutional Law 2 (Constitution of Bahrain)	LAW 114	45	3	Arabic

The course is designed to acquaint students with the fundamentals of the Bahraini Constitution by surveying the Constitution's approach to governmental structure and individual rights. Major topics include the Constitutional system in Bahrain, the establishment of the Bahraini Constitution, the National charter act. The fundamental constituents of the society and the individual rights and duties, the nature of the ruling system in the Bahraini constitution are also covered.

Course code	Course title	Prerequisites	Lecture hrs	Credit hrs	Language
LAW 235	Labour Law	None	45	3	Arabic

This course focuses on the Labour legislation, in order to provide a general knowledge on the main issues related to the Labour relationship between the employer and the employee. The course examines the legal relationship between people who contract to provide their own labor for another person most commonly through a contract of employment. It covers the law regulating the negotiation of an employment relationship whether collective or an individual (including collective bargaining and the law of strikes), the obligations and duties that arise between an employer and an employee and the termination of an employment relationship, according to the Bahraini Labour Law. Students are expected to understand the various issues related to the employment as well as the rights and duties of both employer and employee. The course also includes an overview of the ILO Conventions.

Course code	Course title	Prerequisites	Lecture hrs	Credit hrs	Language
LAW 236	Commercial Law 1 (General Principles)	None	45	3	English

The course is an introduction to the basic rules of Commercial law, as ‘Law of the Merchants’ and ‘Law of Enterprises’. It covers history, nature and sources of Commercial law, commercial subjects and commercial activities.

Course code	Course title	Prerequisites	Lecture hrs	Credit hrs	Language
LAW 237	Civil Liability	LAW 117	45	3	Arabic

This course focuses on the hypothesis of liability for civil wrongs, other than breach of contract, as regulated under the Bahrain Civil Code and in special laws. It also covers the different types of damages and remedies for claiming compensation.

Course code	Course title	Prerequisites	Lecture hrs	Credit hrs	Language
LAW 243	Criminal Law 2	LAW 233	45	3	Arabic

This course is dedicated to the special offences regulated by the Criminal Code and it covers crimes on individuals, crimes on assets, crimes on the State and crimes committed by public servants.

Course code	Course title	Prerequisites	Lecture hrs	Credit hrs	Language
LAW 245	Sharia Law	None	45	3	Arabic

The course provides an overview of the Islamic law in its historical and contemporary aspects in the Muslim world. The course covers legal history and jurisprudential developments as well as contemporary applications of Islamic law. In its consideration of legal history and jurisprudence, the course focuses on contemporary applications and the critical theoretical debates currently underway in the field, including the relationship between sacred texts and human reason in the development of the law, dissent and consensus in the articulation of the law, law and morality and normative pluralism.

Course code	Course title	Prerequisites	Lecture hrs	Credit hrs	Language
LAW 246	Public Budget and Tax Law	39 Credits Earned	45	3	Arabic

The course explains the definition of Public Finance and examines the State budget, including fiscal and monetary policies. In addition it covers the main features of the taxation systems such as VAT, income tax, taxes on capital, and customs.

Course code	Course title	Prerequisites	Lecture hrs	Credit hrs	Language
LAW 247	Alternative Dispute Resolution	Law 236	45	3	English

The course introduces the students to alternative methods of dispute resolution, providing knowledge of the mechanisms that can be used for an extra-judiciary dispute settlement between parties. It focuses on the different aspects on mediation, conciliation and arbitration as a “volunteer” jurisdiction accepted by the parties.

Course code	Course title	Prerequisites	Lecture hrs	Credit hrs	Language
LAW 248	Commercial Law 2 (Commercial Contracts and Papers)	LAW 236	45	3	English

The course focuses on commercial contracts and commercial papers, as regulated under the Bahrain Commercial Code, and covers the regulation applicable to oil and gas service agreements.

Year 3 Course Description

Course code	Course title	Prerequisites	Lecture hrs	Credit hrs	Language
LAW 342	Commercial Law 3 (Companies)	LAW 232	45	3	English

The course examines the Bahrain Commercial Company Law, and covers the general principles and essential elements of commercial companies, the regulation applicable to the different types of companies and the legal proceedings for their incorporation, modification or extinguishment.

Course code	Course title	Prerequisites	Lecture hrs	Credit hrs	Language
LAW 351	Property Law	LAW 237	45	3	Arabic

The course focuses on the regulation of real rights under the Bahrain Civil Code. It covers the distinction between movable and immovable asset, the different types of property and other real rights, and the main legal actions for the protection of real rights.

Course code	Course title	Prerequisites	Lecture hrs	Credit hrs	Language
LAW 352	Commercial Law 4 (Bankruptcy)	LAW 342	45	3	English

The course focuses on bankruptcy, as legal proceeding involving a trader or a company that is unable or unwilling to repay outstanding debts under the Bahraini law, and covers the effects of such proceeding, as well as the composition and the discharge of the bankrupt.

Course code	Course title	Prerequisites	Lecture hrs	Credit hrs	Language
LAW 353	Criminal Procedure	LAW 243	45	3	Arabic

The course introduces the students to explore the Criminal Procedure in order to acquire complete knowledge on procedural aspects of the investigation and the trial. The course will focus on the issues and categories of acts stated by the Bahraini Law of Criminal Procedure and it will cover significant aspects of criminal procedure focusing on police investigative processes, the rights of the suspects, the criminal trial practice.

Course code	Course title	Prerequisites	Lecture hrs	Credit hrs	Language
LAW 355	Family Law 1 (Personal Status)	LAW 111	45	3	Arabic

The course focuses on marriage and divorce as an essential part of Family Law, covering marital status, legal requirements for the marriage and the regulation of divorce, according to the current legislation.

Course code	Course title	Prerequisites	Lecture hrs	Credit hrs	Language
LAW 356	Public International Law	None	45	3	English

The course focuses on the sources, principles, institutions and actors involved in the development, enforcement and adjudication of public international law. It covers the subjects of international law, the establishment of international rules between the states, the law of treaties, the customary international law, the jurisdiction and the immunities.

Course code	Course title	Prerequisites	Lecture hrs	Credit hrs	Language
LAW 361	Contract Law	LAW 351	45	3	English

The course focuses on the study the Civil contracts, including nominated contracts, as regulated under the Bahrain Civil Code and special laws. It also provides an introduction to legal and practical issues that arise in connection with the negotiation and drafting of contracts.

Course code	Course title	Prerequisites	Lecture hrs	Credit hrs	Language
LAW 362	Banking Law	LAW 342	45	3	English

The course provides the students with insights into the banking system, by focusing on conventional and Islamic banks, policies and tools of central banks and the role of the international banking system.

Course code	Course title	Prerequisites	Lecture hrs	Credit hrs	Language
LAW 364	Private International Law	LAW 356	45	3	English

The course aims at provide students with a thorough understanding of the system of private international law as “conflict of laws”.

Course code	Course title	Prerequisites	Lecture hrs	Credit hrs	Language
LAW 365	Family Law 2 (Inheritance, Will, Donation)	LAW 355	45	3	Arabic

The course focuses on the legal regulation of inheritance, will and donation according to the current legislation.

Course code	Course title	Prerequisites	Lecture hrs	Credit hrs	Language
LAW 399	Internship	69 Credits Earned	200 hours	3	English

The course provides students with the opportunity to apply the theoretical legal principles learned to the professional life in governmental or private institutions in order to understand the transition from the academic to the professional life and consolidate the students' professional training and the link with industry.

Year 4 Course Description

Course code	Course title	Prerequisites	Lecture hrs	Credit hrs	Language
LAW 471	Civil and Commercial Procedure	LAW 361	45	3	Arabic

The course focuses on the law of civil and commercial procedures, dealing with the court structure, the stages of the litigation process including theory of procedural action, judgement and appeal.

Course code	Course title	Prerequisites	Lecture hrs	Credit hrs	Language
LAW 472	Islamic Financial Institutions	LAW 245, LAW 362	45	3	English

The course analyses the principles of Islamic Finance, the relationship between Islamic and conventional financial instruments, and the stock exchange market Sharia compliant.

Course code	Course title	Prerequisites	Lecture hrs	Credit hrs	Language
LAW 474	Administrative Law 1	LAW 234	45	3	Arabic

The course focuses on the nature of the powers vested in administrative agencies, the administrative procedure, the adjudicatory and rulemaking powers of administrative agencies, and the discipline of administrative orders.

Course code	Course title	Prerequisites	Lecture hrs	Credit hrs	Language
LAW 478	Practical Legal Training (Law Clinic)	69 Credits Earned	45 hours	3	English

The course provides a practical training through a “Law clinic” based method. Students will be requested to submit written memoranda to defend clients in mock hearings and to plead orally their arguments.

Course code	Course title	Prerequisites	Lecture hrs	Credit hrs	Language
LAW 481	Execution Procedure and Evidence Law	LAW 471	45	3	Arabic

The course focuses on the different formal and substantive rules of evidence and methods of proof, as well as on the rules and procedures of execution, according to the current legislation.

Course code	Course title	Prerequisites	Lecture hrs	Credit hrs	Language
LAW 483	International Organizations	LAW 356	45	3	English

The course focuses on the legal theory and history of International Organizations as well as on the institutional structure of the main International and Regional Organizations.

Course code	Course title	Prerequisites	Lecture hrs	Credit hrs	Language
LAW 484	Administrative Law 2	LAW 474	45	3	Arabic

The course focuses on the regulation of public servants as well as on the Administrative Judiciary system, in order to provide a specific knowledge concerning the procedures and rules regulating the Administrative Law in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Course code	Course title	Prerequisites	Lecture hrs	Credit hrs	Language
LAW 498	Final Year Project 1	105 Credits Earned	45	3	English

The course provides the students with insights on how to conduct a final project through research on primary and secondary sources as well as legal literature and/or legislation in order to elaborate a research proposal and develop a partial research project to be finalized in the course Final Year Project 2.

Course code	Course title	Prerequisites	Lecture hrs	Credit hrs	Language
LAW 499	Final Year Project 2	Law 498	45	3	English

The course is a continuation of LAW 498. Students continue the development of their research topics in order to finalize the research project and present it to a panel for evaluation.

Elective courses

Course code	Course title	Prerequisites	Lecture hrs	Credit hrs	Language
LAW 301	Criminal Investigations	Law 243	45	3	Arabic

The course provides students with the investigative theories and practices of the investigation process in the criminal justice system, including collection and preservation of evidences, crime scene investigation and interrogation.

Course code	Course title	Prerequisites	Lecture hrs	Credit hrs	Language
LAW 310	Selected Contemporary Legal Topics	39 Credits Earned	45	3	English

The course covers contemporary legal trends and topics using latest scholarly research arguments in order to allow students to focus on the dynamics of the most contemporary legal problems.

Course code	Course title	Prerequisites	Lecture hrs	Credit hrs	Language
LAW 306	GCC Institutions and Policies	39 Credits Earned	45	3	English

The course is a general overview on the cooperation process undertaken by the Arabian Gulf countries. The course offers a general knowledge of the historical roots which led to the foundation of the Gulf Cooperation Council as a sub-regional organization between the six monarchies of the Gulf, its institutional structure and its fields of cooperation.

Course code	Course title	Prerequisites	Lecture hrs	Credit hrs	Language
LAW 363	Intellectual Property	39 Credits Earned	45	3	English

The course focuses on the legislation concerning copyright, patents, trademarks, industrial design and geographical indications in force in Bahrain and at GCC level, as well as some of the salient controversies in intellectual property law, including patent protection for software and business methods, the challenges to copyright law posed by file sharing technology, the role and difficulties of protecting trademarks on the Internet.

Course code	Course title	Prerequisites	Lecture hrs	Credit hrs	Language
LAW 401	International Humanitarian Law	Law 356	45	3	English

The course tackles international humanitarian law as the law of armed conflicts and the protections available to civilians in the context of armed conflicts and related complex emergencies. It focuses on the various legal instruments and relevant case law.

Course code	Course title	Prerequisites	Lecture hrs	Credit hrs	Language
LAW 410	International Environmental Law and Energy	Law 356	45	3	English

The course provides an overview of the main principles related to Environmental regulations, including a general introduction to Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) and the climate change policies. The course provides also an in-depth review of the basic principles of energy law.

Course code	Course title	Prerequisites	Lecture hrs	Credit hrs	Language
LAW 473	International Business Law	39 Credits Earned	45	3	English

The course analyses the International Trade system and regional trade areas in Europe, North and South America, Middle East, Asia and Africa. It focuses on the regulation of business transactions in the global marketplace, consumer protection, product liability, and Competition law.

Course code	Course title	Prerequisites	Lecture hrs	Credit hrs	Language
LAW 476	International Criminal Law	None	45	3	English

The course focuses on the role of international organizations in the definition of international crimes and on the establishment of special Tribunals and Courts in order to punish international crimes.

Course code	Course title	Prerequisites	Lecture hrs	Credit hrs	Language
LAW 488	International Commercial Arbitration (Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot)	LAW 247	45	3	English

The course focuses on International Commercial Arbitration, covering also the substantive issues raised under the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG). It is based on a practical approach as the students will work in teams on the problem for the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot.