

LLB (Hons) Law (ASU)

Module Descriptions

Intermediate English

A 10 CAT module which runs for one semester of 15 weeks for three hours per week. It is the first credit English course to be taken by undergraduate students. The course provides intensive practice in intermediate reading, writing, note-taking and an introduction to oral presentations. Academic and study skills are embedded in the course. The course develops students' English language and analytical skills in order to pursue a more advanced academic English course and to cope with the literacy demands of specialized courses taught in English.

Computer Skills

This module is a mixture of workshop exercises and practical experiments and projects. Students work in small groups of 2-5 people depending on the task. The module also provides students with an introduction to ICT skills in general and in particular as applied to related disciplines.

Introduction to English Law 1

This course will provide students with a broad and critical understanding of the structure and function of the English Legal System and will introduce students to two key foundation of the study of law: Criminal Law and Public Law (including Constitutional & Administrative Law and Human Rights).

Fundamentals of Private Law 1

This module provides students to aspects of the Bahraini Legal System and legal skills, with focus on the knowledge of basic provisions of private law (civil law, commercial law), fundamentals of both (principles, structure, legal act and its prerequisites, right of ownership, possession, contractual obligations and torts, trader, commercial transactions).

Students will encounter and develop a range of skills, including study skills, deriving law from primary sources and explaining, discussing and applying it, research, using secondary sources, problem solving, essay writing, communication and IT skills, numerical skills, and reflective learning.

Introduction to Public Law

This module covers the definition of public law and its objectives and different themes, such as Constitutional Law, Administrative Law, and Public International Law in the Kingdom of Bahrain, in terms of definitions characteristics, the principles underlying, and sources; and also gives a glimpse of some of the provisions relating to each topic.

Advanced English

A 10 CAT module which runs for one semester of 15 weeks for three hours per week. It is the second credit English course which undergraduate students are required to take. The course provides intensive practice in advanced level reading, oral presentations, writing, and listening. Academic and study skills are embedded in this course. The latter aims to enhance students' English and analytical skills as a prerequisite for academic and professional success.

Communication and Study Skills

This module provides an introduction to both study and communication skills and practices. The module introduces study skills considering both individual and team-working skills. It covers exam preparation, revision and question answering techniques. It introduces students to their own Personal Development Planning processes. It also enables students to develop and use appropriate working practices as will be expected in a real-life environment.

Fundamentals of Islamic Law

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 encounter and develop a range of skills, including study skills, deriving law from primary sources and explaining, discussing and applying it, research, using secondary sources, problem solving, essay writing, communication and IT skills, numerical skills, and reflective learning.

Introduction to English Law 2

This course provides students with a broad and critical understanding of the structure and function of the English legal system and will introduce students to two key foundations of the study of law: Contract Law and Tort Law.

Fundamentals of Private Law 2

This module is designed to provide students with basic and advanced knowledge of branches of private law in the Bahraini legal system, together with legal skills, with focus on the knowledge of basic provisions relating to Civil Law, and Commercial Law (commercial transactions, general rules and precepts for companies in civil Law, types of companies in Bahraini law, commercial bankruptcy).

Students will encounter and develop a range of skills, including study skills, deriving law from primary sources and explaining, discussing and applying it, research, using secondary sources, problem solving, essay writing, communication and IT skills, numerical skills, and reflective learning.

Human Rights

This course deals with the basic principles of human rights in terms of definitions, scope and sources, focusing on the provisions of the international law of human rights, which include the following international documents:

- a- Charter of the United Nations.
- b- The Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
- c- The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.
- d- The International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.
- e- Convention against Torture and Cruel, Inhumane Punishments.
- f- Protection Mechanisms and Constitutional Organization of Public Rights and Freedom in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Arabic Language

A 10 CAT module which runs for one semester of 15 weeks with three hours per week. The module provides intensive practice in reading, oral presentations, writing, and note-taking.

Arabic Language for Non-Arabic Speakers

A 10 CAT module which runs for one semester of 15 weeks with three hours per week. The module provides intensive practice for beginners in reading, oral presentations, writing, and note-taking.

Bahrain Civilization and History

The aim of the module is to highlight the role of the Kingdom of Bahrain in its local, regional and international levels, through various historical eras, beginning with the Old Ages through the Islamic era, to the modern era. The module demonstrates the Arab and Islamic identity of the Kingdom of Bahrain, and the vital role they play politically and culturally.

Introduction to Contract & Tort

This module is designed to introduce students to the areas of Tort and Contract Law. Students will be introduced to the basic concepts of contractual and tortious liability. In terms of substantive coverage, Contract Law will focus on formation of contract and Tort will focus on Trespass and Defamation. The module seeks to explore the workings of these areas of law with exploration of the underlying legal, social and economic policies. In addition, this module is also designed to reinforce 3Ls.

Legal Skills /Legal Study/Legal System

This module introduces students to aspects of the English Legal System, and practical, transferable and legal skills and legal theory essential to effective engagement with their legal studies. Students are introduced to the

theories of what law is and what are its sources, the court system, EU and International law, and the personnel involved in the administration of the law.

Students will encounter and develop a range of skills, including study skills, deriving law from primary sources and explaining, discussing and applying it, research, using secondary sources, problem solving, essay writing, communication and IT skills, numerical skills, and reflective learning.

Public Law

The purpose of this module is to introduce constitutional and administrative law. Concentration will be upon the values which pervade constitutional practice, sources of which the constitution comprises, an introductory overview of the principles which underpin it and an exploration of the legal manifestations of the Constitution by reference to the articulation between state and individual as expressed through the operation of police powers, the nature and effect of the Human Rights Act and the judicial review.

Law of Contract

This module is designed to build on the 'Introduction to Tort and Contract' Module and introduces students to basic concepts of contractual liability arising in the context of contract content, vitiating factors and discharge of a contract. The module seeks to explore the workings of these areas of contract by considering the underlying legal, social and economic policies. In addition, this module is also designed to reinforce 3Ls.

Law of Torts

This module is designed to build on the 'Introduction to Tort and Contract' Module and introduce students to the basic concepts of tortious liability in the context of negligence and torts derived from negligence. The module seeks to explore the workings of these areas of torts with exploration of the underlying legal, social and economic policies. In addition, this module is also designed to reinforce 3Ls.

Public & EU Law

The purpose of this module is to develop further students' understandings of the nature of constitutional arrangements in the UK with a focus on the sovereignty especially in relation to membership of the EU (with the theme connecting the two being the dilemmas thrown up by the dilemmas of sovereignty both internally and externally and the continuing need for governmental supremacy).

Criminal Law 1

Criminal law is one of the core modules required by the professional bodies within a qualifying law degree. The module is designed to introduce students to the basic principles of criminal liability and seeks to explore statutory and common law sources on which the law is based.

EU Rights

The module looks at the impact of EU law on the English Legal System and some of the important and rights granted by EU law. EU law is one of the seven subjects covering the academic stage of legal education

“Foundations of Legal Knowledge” leading to the vocational stage for intending practitioners. The module is at level 5. This Module runs across one semester.

Working in the Law

The module provides students with an insight into the procedural and practical application of the law, an opportunity to develop transferable and practical skills in the context of their career development. It will make them think about different kinds of legal work and offer them an opportunity to reflect on their knowledge, develop and practice their skills and gain experience that they will need to acquire in order to pursue the career of their choice. It will assist them in making, reviewing and implementing their career plan. Students will be encouraged and supported in gaining practical work experience in furtherance of the development of their career plan alongside the module.

Criminal Law 2 and the Law of Criminal Evidence

This module is designed to build upon the basic principles of criminal liability that students have studied in ‘Criminal Law 1’ Module and demonstrates how the rules of evidence apply to the Criminal Law, while considering some more complex areas of the Criminal Law.

Property Equity and Trusts 1

The module introduces students to property law (including Land law), equity and trusts. Students study some basic property law topics, focusing upon the creation, transfer and management of property interests. Key legal, transferable and practical skills are developed. At the same time, the module explores the economic and social basis of property law in business and the family, and the reasons for and policies behind the law. Assessment is by means of a part seen examination. The module also prepares students seeking a qualifying law degree for the further study of Property Equity and Trusts 2 and Land Law.

Consumer Protection & The Law

This module aims:

- To provide students with a thorough grounding in the general principles of consumer protection;
- To enable students to engage in contemporary debate relating to consumer law, its development and reform;
- To enable students to comprehend the integration in practice of previously studied law “subjects”;
- To enable students to analyze and evaluate the UK and EU framework for the protection of consumers’ interests;
- To appreciate the significance of the social, economic and political context within which the law operates.

The module further examines selected aspects of consumer protection policy and practice to illustrate issues including:

- the implementation of policy goals through the interplay of legal control, voluntary self-regulation

- and enforcement practice.
- the roles of various national, local and international stakeholders both governmental and non-governmental.
- enforcement policies, protocols and practices.
- alternative models of legislative control e.g. principled and specific and protection strategies e.g. before and after the event. Evolving use of harmonization.
- the complementary deployment of civil (regulatory and compensatory) and criminal law “remedies”.
- The role and impact of extra-legal responses..

Comparative Law – Legal Traditions of the World

In this module, students study key concepts of major legal systems in the world – Arabic, Chinese, Civil Law and Common Law. They explore basic underlying philosophies and methods of each legal system and a selection of current topics of debate such as law making & judicial decision making, contract law, crime and punishment, human rights & the relationship between the individual and society, along with medical law. This allows them to analyze and evaluate the similarities and differences of approach between such different legal systems. Students then choose one of these topics for an oral presentation researching, analyzing and evaluating the law and proposals for reform in the light of different approaches between two or more of these major world legal systems.

Property Equity and Trusts 2

This module is designed on the ‘Property Equity and Trusts 1’ Module, in particular its introduction to Equity and Trusts, to fulfil the study of these topics required by the legal professional bodies as a foundation subject of a qualifying law degree. Students examine the trust and equity in action by considering the powers and duties of trustees, and the control exercised by the courts over them at the behest of beneficiaries (or in the case of charity trustees, the Attorney-General and the Charity Commissioners). Special attention is given to the role of trustees in the management of charities and co-owned land among numerous other examples of the role played by trustees in business life, such as in pension funds, investments, and as personal representatives.

Business Law

This module builds on student learning in Levels 4 and 5, and critically examines key aspects of business law principles. A transactional approach is adopted which emphasizes how contracts are used in a business environment when goods and services are bought and sold. This involves considering the appropriate type of business organization to use, buying or selling through agents, international sale contracts, protecting the transaction through insurance and business failure.

International Protection of Human Rights

In this course, students examine the international protection of human rights in the context of specific countries and themes. Lectures will introduce students to key topics, such as the UN procedures and human rights activism. Students will then research these topics in the context of a specific country (such as Myanmar, Nigeria and Pakistan) and theme (such as Fair Trial, Free Speech and Torture). Seminar discussion will be

based on students' research on their selected country and theme. There will be an emphasis on developing effective strategies for combating human rights abuses. Assessment is carried out by a single piece of Coursework.

Company Law

This module is designed to give students an understanding of the development of some of the fundamental principles relating to company law. It examines the nature of a company, company structures, management and ownership, capital structures and shareholder remedies. The course takes into account the impact of the EU legal framework and current company law reform proposals.

Criminal Litigation

The module examines key areas in the criminal litigation process, from arrest and charge, to trial, appeal and sentencing, including:

- the roles of key personnel and organizations in the criminal justice system;
- the funding of criminal matters by the Legal Services Commission/Criminal Defense Service;
- human rights issues;
- the rules of client care & professional conduct in criminal cases;
- an introduction to criminal evidence;
- the law and practice of criminal advocacy; and
- the special considerations that apply to young offenders under the age of 18.

Land Law

This module is designed to build on the students' knowledge and understanding of Property Law and Equity & Trusts. The module covers the principles of English Land Law, sources, development, application and reforms.

The Law Project

(International Business Law OR Comparative Law topic)

The project gives students an opportunity to carry out an extended and independent research in an area of their choice relating to substantive English law. Normally, a student will not be allowed to choose a topic that has been taught in detail on the degree. There are three pieces of assessed work, which count towards the final project mark. A project supervisor is allocated to each student once the student has selected a project area.

Employment Law

This module critically examines the law directly governing the employment relationship including both the contract of employment and statutory regulations. It is concerned primarily with key issues and basic principles, and the application of the law in the workplace. Employment law is a complex and expanding area of study constantly changing. In addition to original legal materials such as statutes and cases, seminar readings are drawn from academic literature, official documents and case studies.

Civil Litigation

The module examines key areas in the civil litigation process, from pre-action steps and issue of claim to trial and appeal, including:

- the ethos of modern civil litigation.
- human rights issues.
- civil litigation funding.
- the central role of the civil procedure rules.
- rules of professional conduct in civil litigation cases.
- case management by the courts.
- offers to settle.
- alternative dispute resolution.
- civil evidence and civil advocacy.
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