

University Compulsory Courses

ARB 101 Arabic Language

This course covers the fundamentals of the Arabic language in terms of composition, structure, vocabulary and semantics, as well as the study of its stylistic features through reading, appreciation and critical analysis, and elucidation of its aesthetic characteristics and expressive values, through texts spanning different literary genres of poetry and prose.

Prerequisite: None

ENG 101 English Language (1)

A credit course that runs for one semester of 15 weeks for 3 hours per week. Required for students of Law, Political Science, Business Administration and Art and Design programmes delivered in Arabic. Designed for learners with an OOPT score of 41 or above. Provides practice in reading, writing and note-taking at Intermediate level, including academic English and study skills.

Prerequisite: None

ENG 102 English Language (2)

A credit course that runs for one semester of 15 weeks for 3 hours per week. Required for the same programmes as ENG 101. For learners who have completed ENG 101. Provides practice at Upper Intermediate level in reading, writing and note-taking, including academic English and study skills.

Prerequisite: ENG 101

CS 104 Computer Skills

Covers the fundamental principles of information technology including hardware components and file management, word processing, spreadsheets, presentation software and database applications.

Prerequisite: None

HBH 105 History and Civilization of Bahrain

Covers the civilisation and history of Bahrain from pre-Islamic times through the Islamic era, European and regional ambitions from 1500–1800 CE, Portuguese conquest and subsequent regional power struggles, the settlement of Bahrain by the Utub tribe, the just rule of the Al Khalifa family and the modernisation of the state.

Prerequisite: None

HR 106 Human Rights

Covers the definition of human rights in ancient, medieval and religious contexts; legal sources of human rights in England, the American Bill of Rights, and the French Declaration; human rights at the national level in Bahrain; pre-WWI developments, the League of Nations, the UN Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; the International Covenants on Civil and Political Rights and Economic, Social and Cultural Rights; and regional instruments including the European Convention, the African Charter and the Arab Charter on Human Rights.

Prerequisite: None

Course Description

BA 161 Introduction to Entrepreneurship

Covers the concept and significance of entrepreneurship, the skills needed to transform ideas into practical ventures, the legal form selection for a business, planning, organisation, marketing and financing, and case studies of leading businesses in Bahrain.

Prerequisite: None

University Elective Courses

ISL 101 Islamic Culture

Introduces the concept and characteristics of Islamic culture, its sources and role in forming Islamic identity, and addresses cultural invasion and means of countering it through faith, knowledge and excellence.

Prerequisite: None

ISL 102 Ethics in Islam

Covers the place of ethics and conduct in Islam, professional ethics in the modern era compared with Islamic history and civilisation, and means of cultivating professional ethics.

Prerequisite: None

ISL 103 Islam and Contemporary Issues

Covers jurisprudential rules for dealing with contemporary issues, extremism and excommunication, astronomical calculation for lunar months, zakat on jewellery and paper money, Islamic governance and democracy, cloning, organ transplantation and abortion.

Prerequisite: None

LIB 101 Introduction to Library Science

Introduces the fields of library science, information systems, library types and functions, history of libraries, Islamic library heritage, library staff roles, sources of information and technical operations.

Prerequisite: None

MAN 101 Man and Environment

Covers the concept of natural vs. built environment, the impact of urbanisation on the environment (congestion, heat, pollution, noise), the role of family, science and media in environmental protection, and depletion of natural resources.

Prerequisite: None

SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology

Covers the concept and evolution of sociology, its methods and theories, social phenomena, institutional roles, globalisation, and the interaction between the individual and the group.

Prerequisite: None

SPT 101 Special Topics

Introduces contemporary topics contributing to scientific, social, ethical or economic culture, aimed at developing students' knowledge and skills during and after their studies.

Prerequisite: None

Course Description

CS 205 Computer Applications

Covers word processing for report writing, spreadsheets for basic accounting systems, database applications for elementary information system design.

Prerequisite: CS 104

LFS 102 Thinking and Communication Skills Development

Covers the concept of thinking, creative and critical thinking, fact vs. opinion, problem-solving, communication skills, influence and persuasion, listening, presentation, resume writing and interview preparation.

Prerequisite: None

Programme Compulsory Courses

LAW 111 Introduction to Law

Covers two main parts: (1) Theory of Law — the nature, objectives, branches, sources and scope of law; and (2) Theory of Rights — the definition, types, elements, sources, subject matter and protection of rights.

Prerequisite: None

LAW 131 Criminology and Penology

Covers the study of crime, the criminal, research methods in criminology, theories of criminal behaviour, concepts of penology, types of penalties and precautionary measures, and major penal institutions.

Prerequisite: LAW 111

LAW 201 Legal and Scientific Research Methods

Provides an overview of legal research and its methodology, from topic selection through source collection, critical reading, legal writing, to publication and defence.

Prerequisite: 30 Credit Hours

NLAW 221 Principles of Commercial Law (taught in English)

An introductory course addressing principles of Commercial Law, their emergence and development, definition and scope, commercial register searches, avoidance of illegal competition, and various types of commercial contracts.

Prerequisite: LAW 111

NLAW 251 Constitutional Law (1)

Covers the state and its elements, characteristics, emergence and types; the rule of law and its applications in the Bahraini constitution; government types, electoral systems, separation of powers, contemporary political systems, and the Bahraini political system; and the general principles of constitutional law.

Prerequisite: LAW 111

Course Description

NLAW 261 Public International Law (taught in English)

Covers the main concepts, theories and principles of Public International Law, its nature, sources, relationship with domestic law, essential elements of statehood, international recognition, international treaties and the Law of the Sea.

Prerequisite: LAW 111

NLAW 341 Administrative Law (1)

Covers the definition, origins, characteristics and sources of administrative law; the basis of administrative organisation and its methods; administrative activity, administrative police and public utilities.

Prerequisite: NLAW 252

LAW 181 Introduction to Islamic Law

Covers the legal situation of the Arabs before Islam compared with Islamic law, the definition and characteristics of Islamic jurisprudence and Sharia, the general and specific jurisprudential rules, historical stages of Islamic legislation, primary and secondary sources of Islamic law, and property and contract types.

Prerequisite: None

NLAW 211 Sources of Obligation

Covers the sources of obligation in Bahraini civil law: voluntary sources (the contract — formation, validity, interpretation and effects; unilateral will; promise of reward); and involuntary sources (unlawful act — personal liability, vicarious liability, liability arising from things; unjust enrichment; quasi-contract; law as a direct source).

Prerequisite: LAW 111

NLAW 212 Rules of Obligation

Covers the execution of obligations (voluntary and compulsory specific performance; damages), modifying factors (conditions, terms, multiple objects, multiple parties), assignment (of rights and debts), and extinction of obligations (performance, equivalent, novation, set-off, merger, release, impossibility, prescription).

Prerequisite: NLAW 211

NLAW 231 General Criminal Law

Covers the definition, objectives and evolution of criminal law; the concept and types of crime; elements of criminal liability; participation; grounds for justification; and the theory of criminal sanctions (penalties and precautionary measures).

Prerequisite: LAW 131

NLAW 232 Criminal Law – Special Part (1)

An advanced study of crimes against human life (homicide in all forms with aggravating and mitigating circumstances), crimes against physical integrity (assault), and crimes against public morality and honour (adultery, rape, indecent assault, and defamation).

Prerequisite: NLAW 231

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NLAW 252 Constitutional Law (2)

Covers the constitutional system of Bahrain through its historical evolution; formation and functions of the executive, legislative and judicial branches; constitutional rights, freedoms and duties; separation of powers; the relationship between the legislative and executive branches; and judicial review of laws.

Prerequisite: NLAW 251

NLAW 281 Rules of Marriage and Divorce in Islam

Covers the definition, formation, legitimacy, types and rights of the marriage contract, and the different forms and methods of marital dissolution.

Prerequisite: LAW 181

NLAW 311 Nominate Contracts: Sale and Lease

Part 1 (Sale Contract): covers the definition, characteristics, formation, effects, rights and obligations of both parties, and special types of sale. Part 2 (Lease Contract): covers the nature, formation, proof, effects, rights and obligations of both parties, and special types of lease.

Prerequisite: NLAW 212

NLAW 312 Labour Law and Social Insurance

Covers the general principles of labour law (definition, history, international regulation, sources and scope), the individual employment contract, collective labour relations (collective agreements, trade unions, dispute settlement), and the Bahraini social insurance system (old-age, disability, death, work injuries and financing).

Prerequisite: NLAW 212

NLAW 314 Insurance and Guarantee Contracts

Part 1 (Insurance Contract): covers the meaning, characteristics, types and legal rules of insurance, conclusion methods, the insurance policy, parties' obligations, and extinction. Part 2 (Guarantee Contract): covers the definition, characteristics, elements, effects and extinction of the guarantee.

Prerequisite: NLAW 311

NLAW 331 Criminal Law – Special Part (2)

An advanced study of crimes against public duties (bribery, embezzlement, harm to public funds), crimes against public trust (currency counterfeiting, document forgery), and crimes against property (theft, fraud, breach of trust).

Prerequisite: NLAW 232

NLAW 332 Criminal Procedure Law

Covers the definition of criminal procedure law, public action (parties, initiation, conditions, extinction), rules of jurisdiction and nullity, evidence, pre-trial investigation stages, the trial, criminal judgments and methods of appeal.

Prerequisite: NLAW 331

NLAW 342 Administrative Law (2)

Covers administrative decisions (definition, elements, classification, implementation and termination), administrative contracts (definition, formation, types, administrative authority and

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contractor obligations), public servants (definition in Bahrain, conditions of appointment, duties, rights and termination of service), and public property (nature, characteristics, use and protection).

Prerequisite: NLAW 341

LAW 371 Public Finance and Tax Legislation

Covers the state's financial activity, sources of revenue and patterns of expenditure within Bahraini and comparative legislation; the definition, development and relationship of public finance to other sciences; public expenditure; the general budget (preparation, approval, execution and oversight); and main sources of public revenue including taxes and public debt.

Prerequisite: NLAW 341

NLAW 381 Inheritance, Bequests and Endowments

Covers the rules, causes, conditions and types of inheritance, bequests and endowments, and the distribution of estates.

Prerequisite: NLAW 281

NLAW 382 Islamic Jurisprudence — Usul al-Fiqh

Covers the definition of the science of Islamic jurisprudential theory, the legal rulings (obligatory and situational), linguistic and jurisprudential principles, abrogation and ijtihad.

Prerequisite: NLAW 381

LAW 401 Practical Training

Places students in a legal department to translate theoretical knowledge into practical experience — observing civil, commercial and criminal case handling, developing skills in dealing with clients, courts and adversaries, and preparing a training report.

Prerequisite: 90 Cr Hrs including NLAW 332 or NLAW 412

NLAW 411 Private International Law

Covers the definition and sources of Private International Law; conflict of laws rules; classification and referral; obstacles to applying foreign law; assignment rules in personal status, property, contractual obligations and tort; international jurisdictional conflict; Bahraini court jurisdiction; enforcement of foreign judgments and arbitral awards.

Prerequisite: NLAW 311

NLAW 412 Civil and Commercial Procedure

Covers the definition, development and sources of civil and commercial procedure; judicial organisation (court composition, degrees of litigation); rules of jurisdiction; theory of action; litigation proceedings; judgments; and methods of challenge.

Prerequisite: NLAW 311

NLAW 413 Real Rights (Principal and Accessory)

Part 1: principal real rights — right of ownership, usufruct, use, habitation and easements (concept, acquisition, protection and extinction). Part 2: accessory rights — mortgage, possessory pledge and privileges (concept, creation, effects and extinction).

Prerequisite: NLAW 311

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NLAW 414 Compulsory Execution and Evidence

Part 1 (Evidence): covers the nature and importance of proof, the burden of proof, and methods of evidence (writing, testimony, presumptions, res judicata, confession, examination of parties, oath and expert opinion). Part 2 (Execution): covers compulsory execution — enforcement authority, elements, execution against movable and immovable assets, and distribution of proceeds.

Prerequisite: NLAW 412

NLAW 416 Practical Applications in Civil and Commercial Litigation

Covers the theoretical principles of evidence and civil procedure as a foundation for practical exercises in case analysis, preparation of pleading briefs at first instance, appellate and cassation levels, court advocacy techniques, case applications involving sale, lease, insurance and possession, and international jurisdiction of Bahraini courts.

Prerequisite: NLAW 412

NLAW 421 Commercial Companies and Bankruptcy

Covers the definition, importance and characteristics of commercial companies; general provisions (substantive and formal elements, winding up and liquidation); provisions for partnerships, limited partnerships, joint ventures, public and private joint-stock companies, and limited liability companies; and bankruptcy (definition, characteristics, conditions for declaration, effects and termination).

Prerequisite: NLAW 221

NLAW 422 Commercial Papers

Covers the characteristics and functions of commercial papers; types (bills of exchange — creation, acceptance, payment, endorsement; promissory notes; cheques); and their distinctions from securities and currency.

Prerequisite: NLAW 221

NLAW 432 Practical Applications in Criminal Litigation

Covers legislative drafting principles, legal writing, judicial and police practice, principles of advocacy, and practical exercises in criminal judicial work through mock trials and preparation of legal documents.

Prerequisite: NLAW 332

NLAW 441 Administrative Judiciary

Covers the principle of legality, balancing theories (discretionary authority, necessity, acts of sovereignty), judicial review systems, the Bahraini judicial system, and the annulment action (definition, conditions, grounds and execution).

Prerequisite: NLAW 342

NLAW 301 Professional Ethics and Professional Responsibility

Part 1: Ethics of legal professions — the ethics of judges, lawyers and public prosecutors, ethical rules for each legal profession. Part 2: Professional liability — legal responsibility of lawyers, judges, clerks, process servers, experts and notaries, with legal provisions.

Prerequisite: NLAW 212

Programme Elective Courses

NLAW 313 History of Law

Covers the origins of legal rules in primitive societies, and major ancient codifications that influenced contemporary positive law, including laws from Mesopotamia (Lipit-Ishtar, Eshnunna, Hammurabi). Also covers Roman law from its origins through its sources and key provisions.

Prerequisite: LAW 111

NLAW 333 National Security Crimes

An advanced study of crimes threatening national security (internal and external), including crimes against state sovereignty, disclosure of secrets, hostile acts against a foreign state, contracting with an enemy state, wilful sabotage, attacks on the King or Crown Prince, the constitution, public order, authority and obstruction of government orders.

Prerequisite: NLAW 231

NLAW 334 Economic and Electronic Crimes

An advanced study of the legal texts governing economic and electronic crimes (information theft, illegal use of credit cards, document forgery, illegal electronic fund transfers, money laundering and terrorism financing).

Prerequisite: NLAW 331

NLAW 362 International Humanitarian Law

Covers the concept, origins, evolution and Islamic perspective of IHL; its principles, legal nature, sources and foundations; its relationship with international human rights law; and its material, personal and substantive scope (international and non-international armed conflicts, protection of civilians and the wounded).

Prerequisite: NLAW 261

NLAW 372 Principles of Economics

Covers micro and macroeconomic concepts: the economic problem, supply and demand, consumer behaviour, production, markets, national income, consumption, savings, investment, monetary policy, banking and key economic problems (inflation, recession, stagflation).

Prerequisite: LAW 111

NLAW 415 Intellectual Property

Covers the concept and types of intellectual property rights, copyright (definition, conditions, moral and financial rights), neighbouring rights, patents, industrial designs, computer programs, trademarks and trade names, including registration, ownership and protection.

Prerequisite: NLAW 212

NLAW 417 Nationality and Aliens Law

Part 1: The general theory of nationality — types, acquisition, loss and recovery in comparative law, and the Bahraini Nationality Act 1963 and its amendments. Part 2: Status of aliens — rights and obligations of foreigners in Bahrain and entry procedures.

Prerequisite: NLAW 411

Course Description

LAW 424 E-Commerce Law (taught in English)

Introduces International Commercial Law, standardisation methods, sources, International Commercial Contracts, the UN Convention on the International Sale of Goods (Vienna Convention) and commercial arbitration.

Prerequisite: NLAW 311

NLAW 425 Maritime Law

Covers the origins and scope of maritime law, the vessel as a tool of navigation, persons involved in maritime navigation, vessel exploitation, and marine insurance.

Prerequisite: NLAW 221

NLAW 427 Arbitration in Civil and Commercial Matters

Covers arbitration as a dispute resolution method (forms and types), the arbitration agreement (elements and validity), commencement and conduct of arbitration proceedings, the arbitral award (form, content and effects), and enforcement.

Prerequisite: NLAW 412

NLAW 451 Constitutional Judiciary

Covers judicial review of constitutionality (political and judicial forms), grounds for challenging unconstitutional laws, judicial review in comparative constitutional systems, the Bahraini Constitutional Court (composition, jurisdiction, procedures and effects of unconstitutionality rulings).

Prerequisite: NLAW 252