



Philadelphia University
Faculty of law
Department of -----
----- semester, 2007/2008

Course Syllabus

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| Course Title: legal terminology in English | Course code: 410232 |
| Course Level: Second year | Course prerequisite (s) and/or corequisite (s): Introduction to Law |
| Lecture Time: | Credit hours: 3 Credit Hours |

Academic Staff Specifics

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Course module description:

3- (410232) Legal Terminology

(Prerequisite : Introduction to Law)

Module name: English legal texts Prerequisite: Introduction to law

Module number: 410232 Module number: 410111

This course seeks to introduce the student to English legal terminology which corresponds to Arabic legal terms. In order to maximize the benefit, these terms are taught through introducing law, and its various fields and branches, right, along with its fields, obligation along with its various sources. Moreover, the module deals with one of the legal topics in English in a detailed manner, thereby enabling the student to express his legal ideas in English, which will also facilitate for him using foreign references when the need arises.

Course module objectives:

1. provide students with the basic as well as advanced knowledge in the basic legal terminology found in various areas of Law
2. clarify various concepts, terms and legal systems
3. develop student's cognitive skill and ability to deal with legal texts and documents, in addition to enabling him/her to use basic legal expressions in practical areas

Course/ module components

- Books (title , author (s), publisher, year of publication)

| Book Title | Author | Edition | Publisher | Publishing Year |
|-------------------|------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Legal terminology | Dr. Hussein Altarawneh | First | Wael's Publishers/ Amman | 2004 |

- Support material (s) (vcs, acs, etc).
- Study guide (s) (if applicable)
- Homework and laboratory guide (s) if (applicable).

Use the multipurpose room
Field visits

Teaching methods:

Lectures, discussion groups, tutorials, problem solving, debates, etc.

| Methods | Number of Lectures | Scores' distribution |
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| Lectures | 38 | 80% |
| Multipurpose room and field visits | --- | --- |
| Student's involvement in seminars, tutorials, and group discussions | 5 | 5% |
| Quizzes and Assignments | 5 | 15% |
| Paper research & Essays (maximum of 3000words) | --- | --- |
| Total | 48 | 100% |

Learning outcomes:

- Knowledge and understanding
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- Cognitive skills (thinking and analysis).
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- Communication skills (personal and academic).
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- Practical and subject specific skills (Transferable Skills).
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Assessment instruments

- Short reports and/ or presentations, and/ or Short research projects
- Quizzes.
- Home works
- Final examination: 50 marks

| <u>Allocation of Marks</u> | |
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| Assessment Instruments | Mark |
| First examination | 20% |
| Second examination | 20% |
| Final examination: 50 marks | 50% |
| Reports, research projects, Quizzes, Home works, Projects | 10% |
| Total | 100% |

Documentation and academic honesty

- Documentation style (with illustrative examples)
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- Protection by copyright
- Avoiding plagiarism.

Course/module academic calendar

This module consists of (48) hours allocated into (16) weeks, (3) hours a week, divided as follows:

| Week | Subject | Notes |
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| 1 st | Introduction of Law (basic concepts 1) | |
| 2 nd | Introduction to Law (basic concepts 2) | |
| 3 rd | Recommendations for legal linguistics | |
| 4 th | Law Resources | |
| 5 th | Divisions of Law | |
| 6 th | Branches of Law | |
| | The Ruling System in Jordan | |
| 7 th | Legal system and court | |
| 8 th | The major legal systems in the World (civil and private) | |
| 9 th | The Jury | |
| 10 th | Contract (basic concepts) | |
| 11 th | Legal agreements | |
| 12 th | Crime and criminal procedures (basic concepts) | |
| 13 th | Legal rights and liabilities or duties | |
| 14 th | Summarizing and analyzing legal cases | |
| 15 th | Legal profession | |
| 16 th | <i>General Revision</i> | |

Expected workload:

On average students need to spend 2 hours of study and preparation for each 50-minute lecture/tutorial.

Attendance policy:

Absence from lectures and/or tutorials shall not exceed 15%. Students who exceed the 15% limit without a medical or emergency excuse acceptable to and approved by the Dean of the relevant college/faculty shall not be allowed to take the final examination and shall receive a mark of zero for the course. If the excuse is approved by the Dean, the student shall be considered to have withdrawn from the course.

Module references

Books

| Book Title | Author | Edition | Publisher | Publishing Year |
|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Legal Terminology | Dr. Zeid Alaqailah | First | Althaqafah Publishers | 2004 |

Journals

Websites

<http://dictionary.law.com/>
http://www.whatis.tv/list_of_legal_topics.html