



Philadelphia University
Faculty of law
Department of -----
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Course Syllabus

Course Title: Crimes against persons	Course code: 420272
Course Level:	Course prerequisite (s) and/or corequisite (s) : Law of criminal procedures
Lecture Time:	Credit hours: 3 Credit Hours

Academic Staff Specifics

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Course module description:

Module name: Crimes against persons Prerequisite: Penal law
Module number: 420272 Module number: 420171

This course is a detailed study of certain criminal acts that are mentioned in the penal code perpetrated against the life of persons, namely, intentional murder with its types, its aggravating and extenuating circumstances, and also crimes affecting the physical soundness of persons, which are crimes involving willfully causing harm, with its types and aggravating and extenuating circumstances. Also addressed is unintentional killing and injury. Moreover, a study of the most important moral and ethical crimes, namely, adultery, rape and violation of honor.

Course module objectives:

1. provide students with the basic as well as advanced knowledge for the rules relevant to crimes against persons found in the criminal law, dimensions and elements of these crimes
2. develop students cognitive as well as practical skills related to the field of crimes against persons, in addition to develop their abilities to learn an benefit from sources of knowledge along with applying acquired theoretical knowledge to actual situations or cases
3. develop students skills in writing theoretical as well as applied legal research papers, along with using data basis and information technology

Course/ module components

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

Book Title	Author	Edition	Publisher	Publishing Year
Crimes against persons	Dr. Muhammad S. Nmoor		Al-Thaqafah Publishers	2000

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

General discussions of to the most significant crimes against persons

Brining in an outside lecturer, field visit

Workshop in the multi-purpose room

Research paper

Teaching methods:

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

Methods	Number of Lectures	Scores' distribution
Lectures	40	80%
Multipurpose room and field visits	3	---
Student's involvement in seminars, tutorials, and group discussions	5	5%
Quizzes and Assignments	---	10%
Paper research & Essays (maximum of 3000words)	---	5%
Total	48	100%

Learning outcomes:

- Knowledge and understanding

At the end of this module, a student will be able to:

A/2 display advanced and specialized knowledge of the legal basis related to crimes against persons along with its judicial applications

A/4 understand topics relevant to crimes against persons in various social and economic spheres

- Cognitive skills (thinking and analysis).

B/1 display an ability to apply theoretical knowledge to actual presumed cases related to crimes against persons

B/2 diagnose and analyze concrete facts along with legal conducts related to the issue of crimes against persons

B/3 analyze, interpret and evaluate all the different forms of legislative texts, decisions and judicial opinions relevant to Law

B/4 search through the different sources of Law in order to deduce information to back up knowledge and various practical skills performance

- **Communication skills (personal and academic).**
C/1 develop the ability to find solutions for actual as well as presumed problems related to crimes against persons
C/1 develop the ability to follow a scientific method and intact scheme in preparing research papers, reports and articles
D/4 become abreast of the legislations, judicial rules , opinions and juristic interpretations related to crimes against persons
 - **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>	
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
1 st	Defining life threatening crimes, and its significance	
2 nd	Defining homicides, types particularly pre-meditated crimes, its elements and attempt	
3 rd	Examples of intensification of pre-meditated murder and determined penalties	
4 th	Examples of attenuation of homicides and determined penalties	
5 th	Mischief crimes/ premeditated mischief misdemeanour	
6 th	Felonies of premeditated mischief	
7 th	Causing death/premeditated mischief	
8 th	Abortion crime and its forms: compulsory, consensual and remedial	
9 th	Rulings against rape crimes	
10 th	Rulings against assault indecently	
11 th	Anti-modesty practices	
12 th	Adultery	
13 th	Denial of freedom and liberty	
14 th	Rulings against different forms of kidnap crimes	
15 th	A general review of all crimes	
16 th	Final Exam	

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
Crimes against persons Department of crimes against persons,	Dr. Kamel Said		Wael's Press	

Journals

Jordanian Law Society Journal
Jordanian Magazine of Law
Jordanian Judicial Journal
Faculty of Law Kuwaiti Journal

Websites

E law Murdoch University Electric Journal of Law
www.murdoch.edu.au/elaw
Electronic Journal of Comparative Law
www.law.kub.nl/ejcl
Washington University Law Quarterly
www.ls.wustl.edu/WULO/wulqboard.gtml
The Internet Law Library
www.lawresearch.com