Faculty of Economics and Political Science

Principles of Law

Information :

Course Code :	LAW 100	**Level :**	Undergraduate	**Course Hours :**	3.00- Hours

Department : Faculty of Economics and Political Science

Instructor Information :

Title	Name	Office hours
Lecturer	Samah Mohsen Sabry Abdelfattah	9

Area Of Study :

This course introduces students to legal norms and its characteristics and how they are implemented. By discussing comparative legal systems, the adoption of the Romanistic Legal system in Egypt, and the application of the civil law system and itôs legal and constitutional consequences. It also deals with rights and responsibilities which guide the relationship between individuals and groups on one hand and the political system on the other. It touches on judicial institutions and their role in the settlement of disputes. Adding to that the general rules relating to cases viewed by courts, the rights and responsibilities of the litigants, and the definition of the accused and his/her rights as embodied in domestic laws as well as in the international instruments of human rights, all of which in an interactive atmosphere that allows students to share their opinions, and use their team work skills. The course prepares students for higher legal courses in different departments.

Course Goals:
ÅIntroduce the concepts and techniques of investigative reporting through hands-on experiences.
ÅImprove studentsôresearch skills with traditional and electronic sources, including the use of computer-assisted reporting techniques.
ÅContinue to improve studentsôfacility with journalism skills, including story conceptualization and organization, as well as with writing skills.
ÅImprove studentsôsmall group cooperative skills.
ÅPrepare students for entry-level reporting positions.

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Course outcomes :

a.Knowledge and Understanding: :

1 -	Recognize why the law matters.
2 -	Draw some examples of legal rights and responsibilities.
3 -	Memorize how different reading styles suit different purposes.

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b.Intellectual Skills: :	
1 -	Enumerate the type of legal norm.
2 -	Describe law making process.
3 -	Express the essence of contract and corporate law.
c.Professional and Practical Skills: :	
1 -	Conduct oneself with awareness of differences between legality and morality.
2 -	Interpret legal text.
3 -	Decide which legal norm will be applied.
d.General and Transferable Skills: :	
1 -	Be able to read and understand key legal documents, especially judicial opinions but alsolitigation documents such as complaints and briefs.
2 -	Know how to brief a legal case, analyze a legal case and apply it to a new fact pattern
3 -	Perform legal research by finding the applicable case law or statute and writing a legalmemorandum .

Course Topic And Contents :

Topic	No. of hours	Lecture	Tutorial / Practical
Introduction and syllabus.	3	1	
Sources and Ethics.	9	3	
Skills Building.	9	3	
Midterm Exam		1	
Webs and Databases.	6	2	
Crowdsourcing, Transparency and Investigative Reporting as a Process.	3	1	
Beat-based Investigations.	3	1	
Mapping, Data-Driven Journalism and Other Digital Tools.	6	2	
Final Exam		1	

Teaching And Learning Methodologies :

Data show and computer in lectures
Demonstration videos
Group discussion
Research Paper

Course Assessment :

Methods of assessment	Relative weight %	Week No	Assess What
Course Work (Attendance, Participation, Assignments, Quizzes, Research Paperé)	30.00		To assess understanding and to assess theoretical background of the intellectual and practical skills.
Final Exam	40.00	15	To assess knowledge and intellectual skills.
Midterm Exam	30.00	8	To assess professional skills.

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Recommended books :
David Spark, Investigative Reporting: A Study in Technique, CRC Press, 2012.

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