

LAWS PROGRAMME SYNOPSIS OF COURSES

SAM 2153 ISLAMIC LEGAL HISTORY

CREDIT HOURS: 3 / CONTACT HOURS: 3

This course is aimed at providing elementary knowledge on the history of the Islamic Legal System from the period of the Prophet Muhammad to the period of the 'Abbasid. There will be discussions on the socio-economic and political aspects of the Arabs before the dawn of Islam, legislations during the Prophet, *Khulafā' Al Rāshidin*, *Umayyad* and *'Abbasid* periods. The course also covers the development of major schools of thought (*mazhāhib*) and *Taqīd*.

The objectives of the course are to:

1. introduce the historical development and nature of Islamic Legal System.
2. assist the understanding of the development of the Islamic Jurisprudence from the period of Prophet Muhammad (p.b.u.h) until the period of the *'Abbasid*.
3. inculcate critical thinking in analyzing Islamic Legal concepts.
4. instill the Islamic moral and ethical values among students.
5. develop students' awareness towards understanding the Muslim life and civilization.
6. enhance students' English communication skills towards preparing them for future legal career.

SAM 2173 INTRODUCTION TO LAW

CREDIT HOURS: 3 / CONTACT HOURS: 3

The course is designed to give a foundation of legal concepts to students. It covers the essential skills on effective legal study. The course is also designed to help students understand the sources, meaning, functions and classification of law. Students will also be taught the fundamental knowledge of the English and Malaysian Legal System and the organization of courts in England and Malaysia.

The objectives of this course are to:

1. introduce the essential skills and methods of studying law for effective legal study.
2. introduce the basic concepts of law, sources, meanings, functions and classifications of law.
3. introduce the fundamental knowledge of the English and Malaysian Legal System.
4. introduce the organization of the Courts in England and Malaysia.
5. introduce the concept of judicial precedent.

6. inculcate critical thinking in analyzing legal concepts.
7. enhance students' English communication skills towards preparing them for future legal career.

SAM 2183 GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF LAW I

CREDIT HOURS: 3 / CONTACT HOURS: 3

This course introduces the basic knowledge of the Law of Contract and the Law of Torts. The first part of this course concentrates on the former, covering topics such as the definitions of a contract, basic terminologies, and the basic elements required in the formation of a valid contract. The second part covers topics on various tortious liabilities, required elements of such liabilities and basic defences for those liabilities.

The objectives of this course are to:

1. introduce the nature of contract and torts and the differences between them.
2. familiarize the student with the principles of contractual obligations and tortious liabilities.
3. develop students' problem-solving skills and basic research skills.
4. inculcate critical thinking amongst students.

SAM 2253 INTRODUCTION TO ISLAMIC LAW

CREDIT HOURS: 3 / CONTACT HOURS: 3

The course consists of two parts. Part one deals with the sources of Islamic Law which covers the *Quran*, *Sunnah*, *Ijtihād*, *Ijma'*, *Qiyās*, *Istihṣān*, *Istislāh*, *Istishāb* and '*Urf*. Part two deals with general principles of three main branches of Islamic Law i.e. Islamic Family Law (*al-Ahwāl al-Syakhsiyyah*), Islamic Criminal Law (*Fiqh al-Jināyat*) and Islamic Transaction (*Fiqh al-Muāmalāt*).

The objectives of this course are to:

1. provide an introductory knowledge about the sources of Islamic Law.
2. familiarize the students with legal principles of Islamic Law in the area of Islamic Family Law (*al-Ahwāl al-Syakhsiyyah*), Islamic Criminal Law (*Fiqh al-Jināyat*) and Islamic Transaction (*Fiqh al-Muāmalāt*).
3. inculcate critical thinking among students in applying the legal principles of Islamic Law in related areas.
4. enhance students' ability to understand and presenting their views based on Islamic legal authorities.
5. develop students' awareness in understanding the importance of Islamic legal principles.

6. instill Islamic moral and ethical values among students.

SAM 2273 LAW AND SOCIETY

CREDIT HOURS: 3 / CONTACT HOURS: 3

This course is designed to transmit to the students the intimate as well as the complex relationship between law and society. The students will be acquainted with the roles of law in fulfilling social needs and interests and achieving social development. Observation will also be made on the direction of the law and society and whether they converge.

The objectives of this course are to:

1. introduce to the students the role of law in society.
2. inculcate in the students a sense of social awareness as future lawyers.
3. sensitise the students with social issues.
4. imbue in the students a sense of social responsibility.
5. ensure that the students are aware of their roles as agents of change in the future.

SAM 2283 GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF LAW 2

CREDIT HOURS: 3 / CONTACT HOURS: 3

This course is designed to introduce students with basic knowledge of two branches of public law namely, criminal law and constitutional law.

The objectives of this course are to:

1. introduce the basic principles of criminal law.
2. highlight the relevant statutory provisions in the Malaysian Penal Code.
3. familiarize the students with the basic ingredients of offences common to most crimes and establishing the general principles of criminal liability
3. introduce students to the nature of constitution, the principles and doctrines of constitutional law.
4. give a general overview on the constitutional law in Malaysia in light of the Federal Constitution.
5. facilitate students' understanding on the concept of Constitutional Supremacy in Malaysia.

SAM 2293 BASIC LEGAL METHODS
CREDIT HOURS: 3 / CONTACT HOURS: 4

The course is designed to provide basic skills on legal method. The skills include research, reading, analysis and application of legal sources.

The objectives of this course are to:

1. expose the students to the basic legal research
2. familiarize the students in handling the primary and secondary legal sources
3. enhance the students' language proficiency and communication skills
4. inculcate critical thinking amongst students in solving the legal problems through dynamic and interactive learning.