

Aspiring towards a better future



Our Vision, Mission and Goals

This booklet contains information about the Faculty of Law post-graduate program including; modules titles and a brief description about them.

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SORAN UNIVERSITY

FACULTY OF LAW

Vision

In accordance with Soran University's role in the transfer of knowledge and skills to serve society:the Faculty of Law's mission isto make a positive contribution to the advancement of Kurdistan region by preparing graduates for future leadership. Providing quality education that meets international standards, developing research solutions in areas strategic to the nation, and collaborating effectively with other Universities and organizations to promote knowledge in theKurdish society."

Mission

We aspire to contribute our share of developing Kurdish society through valuing its rich heritage of social, economical and societal fabrics; by trying our best not merely to making them sustainable but moving it forward. Any such aim in only achievable by understanding and respecting the diversity of different cultures, opinions and religions all of which are the foundations of our society and makes us who we are. Therefore, we pledge to work with integrity and transparency in order to achieve this set of values with having justice, credibility and accountability in mind. Furthermore, we support teamwork and value the rewarding and creative environment.

Goals

- 1-Prepare graduates to become pioneers and leaders in their areas of specialization.
- 2-To develop scientific legal research capacity of regional and national importance.
- 3- To achieve academic excellence in accordance with academic accreditation and Institutional accreditation standards.

Law degree includes four year study as following:

1 - First year (22 Credit Hours) as the following:

SUB	No	Course Modules	Credit Hours	Prerequisite
		Compulsory Modules:	22	
PUL	001	Constitution Law	03	—
PRL	011	Introduction of Law	03	—
PRL	012	Introduction of Islamic Shariah	02	—
PRL	013	History of Law	02	
PUL	014	Legal Discussions	02	—
PUL	015	Criminology	02	—
PRL	016	Computer	02	—
P+P	017	Kurdology	02	
P+p	018	English for Students of Law (legal terms)	02	
PUL	019	Human Rights in English	02	
		<i>Total Credit Courses</i>	22	

2 - Second year (22 Credit Hours) as the following:

SUB	No	Course Title	Credit Hours	Prerequisite
		Compulsory Courses :	22	
PRL	002	Civil Law(Obligation)	04	—
PUL	021	Administrative Law (in English)	02	—
PUL	022	Public criminal Law	03	—
PUL	023	Political Systems	02	
PRL	024	Commercial Law in English	02	—
PRL	025	Personal Statutes Law(Family Law)	02	—
PUB	026	Administrative Law	03	
PUB	027	Financial Legislation	02	
PUB	028	International Organisations	02	—

3 - Third year (20 Credit Hours) as the following:

SUB	No	Course Title	Credit Hours	Prerequisite
		Compulsory Courses:	20	
PRL	003	Civil Contract	03	—
PUB	031	Private Criminal Law	03	—
PUB	032	Public International Law	03	—
PUB	033	Principles of Administrative Court	02	
PRL	034	Commecial Companies	02	—
PUB	035	International Humanitarian Law (E)	02	—
PRL	036	Labor Law and Social Insurance	02	—
PRL	037	Inheritance and Will	02	
P+P	038	Principle Legal Research	01	

4 - Forth year (21 Credit Hours) as the following:

SUB	No	Course Title	Credit Hours	Prerequisite
		Compulsory Courses :	21	
PUB	004	The Law of Criminal Procedure	03	—
PRL	041	Real Property Rights	03	—
PRL	042	The Law of Civil Procedure and Evidance	03	—
PRL	043	International Private Law	03	
PRL	044	Usul Alfiqh	02	—
PRL	045	Commercial Paper	02	—
PRL	046	Commercial law (E)	0	—
PRL	047	Exacutive Law	02	
P+P		Graduate Research Project	01	

First year modules descriptions:

001- Constitution Law

Constitutional law includes the rules that determine the composition and functions of the state and its organs. Moreover, the module covers the concept of constitution and as the functions of monitoring governmental organs. Student will also learn about Iraq's constitution and the region of Kurdistan.

011- Introduction of Law

As for this module student will learn about the concept of law and its fundamental aspects relating to society and how law can help organize the community as well as how law can protect peace and security. The course further covers the concept and characteristics of legal rule and the distinction between legal rules and social conducts. In addition the students will learn about the distinction between legal rule and justice concept.

012-Introduction of Shariah

In this module students will learn about Shariah and its sources namely the Quran and Sunneh. Shariah law deals with many societal legal issues relating to everyday life. Thus, students will acquire the knowledge of how Shariah addresses legal solutions to crime, politics, economics, personal and family matters as well as the etiquettes of Islam followers. In addition, students will know that Shariah has served as one of the most distinguishing characteristics of Muslim faith for centuries and Islamic scholars have devoted many efforts on its elaboration and much more.

013-History of Law

Through this module student will learn about the history of law and how the law came to regulate human society. This will include the study of historical and medieval community such as Sumerian society. Moreover, it covers the history of Romanian law, its sources, its development and its rule in the society. It also deals with Islamic Shariah law, its history and its rule in the Islamic community as well as the concept of justice system in Islam.

014-Legal Discussion

This module is designed to engage and encourage students with in-class discussions on daily and news making issues happening in Kurdistan, Iraq and beyond. This module further, provides students with a platform to make them more self-reliant and competence to put forward their ideas and take on legal, political and social issues affecting them and their society. Through this module students will also become more confident to participate in their other lectures in-class exchange of opinions and views on what they learn.

015-Criminology Science

This module will enable students to learn about scientific study criminology and its nature, extent, management, control, consequences, and prevention of criminal behaviour, both on the individual and social levels. Criminology is an interdisciplinary field in the sciences, drawing especially upon the research of sociologists, psychologists, psychiatrists, social anthropologists, as well as scholars of law. Students will further learn about the role of government institutes in rehabilitating the criminals in order to have a positive role in their community.

016-Computer

With this module student will get the knowledge about basic computer skills and how to become efficient with keyboard skills and short cuts. Through this module students will further acquire how to use some essential application in commuting such as MS Word, MS Office Excel and Power Point. It will further enable students to gather material online and learn on how to present and answer academic question in their presentations.

017-Kurdology

This module will teach the students about the Kurds history, race and geopolitical position, ancient religion such as Zardasht and how the Kurds converted to Islam. Furthermore, students will also lean about the Kurdish plight of having no states of its own because of many historical events that took place in the Middle East and why Kurds were partitioned into four parts. It will also enable students to know about some key factors regarding Kurdistan fight for self determination as well as how rich their region and is which has made it possible the world superpowers and close neighbors not let it to rule themselves.

018-Legal terminologies

This course covers the concept of law, classification of law, characteristics of law, source of law, concept of contract, kind of contract and obligations of parties. This course will further enable students to know about primary legal systems and terminologies that underpin the application of law in various fields such as civil and international law. Moreover, this module will equip students to have a better understanding of law terminologies, preparing them for practice in the field of law and outside of it.

019-Human Rights

This module covers many aspects relating to the rights of individuals as human beings. Through this module students will learn about the Universal Declaration of Human rights including women and children rights. Furthermore, students will be taught about ethnic and religious minority rights, the right of self-determination i.e. the Kurds as an example; as well as European Convention on Human Rights and European Court of Human Rights (Strasbourg).

Second year modules descriptions:

002-Civil Law (Obligations)

This module is designed for student to learn various aspects of Civil law such as civil contracts and its elements and the obligation of both parties and third parties. Student will also be able to recognise the rules which govern all private transactions among individuals, contractual and non-contractual (tort) responsibility. Furthermore, the amendment of contractual responsibility and the employer obligations towards employees. In addition, the course covers execution of obligation and legal compensation as well as the effects of unreal contracts along with assignment of the credit.

021-Public Criminal Law

Criminal laws consist of the rules relating to acts that are deemed to be a crime and it is therefore punishable by the state. Criminal law includes not only the essential elements in specific crimes such as treason, murder, assault, theft and arson, but also the problems of criminal liability, such as the extent to which liability may be diminished. Students will further learn that this module is a branch of law that defines various crimes how to treat their nature and what kind of punishment is provided for their nature.

022-Administrative Law (in English)

This module will teach students about the principles that define and regulate the administrative law. Students will know about its concept, nature, sources and its characteristics. The course also covers the differences between constitutional law and administrative law and different types of governments. Moreover, students will learn through this course that administrative law is a branch of law that governs the activities of governmental agencies including rulemaking, adjudications and the enforcement of regulatory agendas.

023-Political System

In this module student will learn about political systems and their organizations and functions. This course will further enable students to understand the political systems that is seen as a set of “processes of interaction” or as a subsystem of the social system interacting with other nonpolitical subsystems, such as the economic system. This points to the importance of informal sociopolitical processes and emphasizes the study of political development. It will also entail the study of federalism, con-federalism, monarchy, republic systems, dictatorship, democratic, presidential system and parliamentary.

024-Commercial Law

In this module student will learn about the essential rules of commercial law and its importance in the conduct of commercial dealings. Some key elements that student will learn in this course includes: commercial contracts, drafting contracts, joint venture and oil contracts as well as understanding the functions of World Bank, World Trade Organization and International Monetary Fund in commercial dealings.

025- Personal statute Law (Family Law)

With this module students will learn a great deal of knowledge relating to personal and family matters and the codes, which govern them. Students in particular will learn how personal statutes law in Kurdistan and Iraq are related and drawn from Islamic law. It further covers marriage, marriage age, divorce, child custody, adoption, inherence, post-divorce maintenance, polygamy, judicial divorce and the rights of individual within a family or civil partnership. Students will also learn personal status courts have jurisdiction over marriage, divorce and legitimacy as well as that family court operate independently from other regular courts.

026- Financial Law/legislations

The most important subject of this law is the state budget and its division's revenues and expenditures along with regulatory systems. This module also provides a ground for the fundamental of financial law including international, national and local matters relating to finance from practical, regulatory and policy perspectives. Furthermore, a wide range of other financial regulations is studied including insolvency, security laws and business ethics.

027- Administrative Law

The central point of administrative law is the conflict, or the possibility of conflict between the executive and the individual. A very important issue in the administrative law is the principle of separation of powers that are held in most of the States, among them the region of Kurdistan, to protect the freedom of the administrative law from judicial interference. Students will further learn how through this law public servants and private sector employees can challenge any unfair dismissals and many such related issues within governmental and non-governmental agencies.

028-International Organizations

International Organizations in contemporary world play an important role as a non-state actor in international system for the NGOs raise awareness about human rights abuses and humanitarian crisis. Therefore, through this module students will learn about various sources of information relating to International Organizations and their work including: NGOs history, how and why they were formed as well as their role in international system and relations. Students will further learn about the nature and specific work of each International Organizations such as the UN, Amnesty International and Red Cross.

Third year modules descriptions:

003- Civil Contract

Civil contact module covers many aspects relating to an agreement with specific terms in business dealings between two or more entities or individuals. Students will learn that civil contract is at the heart of most business dealings such as renting, hiring, and terminating contacts. The civil contract is a significant area of law that concerns and can involve variation on circumstances and complexities. Therefore, student will acquire this knowledge and will also learn that in Kurdistan and Iraq civil contract law dictates that everything is subject to ownership except those things that are by their nature or law excluded from ownership and these properties become the subject to rules and civil codes that govern them.

031- Private Criminal Law

This module covers many aspects relating to crime against individuals and their properties as well as its sources, nature and private criminal law elements. This course further includes the essential elements in specific crimes such as murder, assault, treason, theft, trespass and threats. Moreover, students will learn about the elements and conditions of self-defense.

032- Public International Law

Public international law includes the rules of law or custom regulating the interrelationship of sovereign states and their rights and duties with regard to one another. In addition, it is regulating the relations between states and international organizations such as U.N and regional organizations as the Arab League. Furthermore it is included in the state of war, peace, neutrality and diplomatic relations between states.

033- Principles of Administrative Court

As a separate branch of government, courts have the duty to protect citizens' constitutional rights, to provide procedural due process and to preserve the rule of law. Courts are a cornerstone of our society and provide a core function of government adjudication of legal disputes. Therefore, this module will enable the students to understand the principles, which underpins the administrative court such as the concept of legitimacy, its nature and its sources. The course also includes the concept exceptional circumstances, sovereignty act, and the rules of administrative court in Iraq and Kurdistan as well as the process of prosecution.

034- Commercial Companies

It regulates and organizes the various kinds of companies, their foundation, their administration, their activities as well as the causes of companies rise and fall.

035- International Humanitarian law

In this course student will learn a range primary rules and regulation legal systems that underpin the application of international humanitarian law (Hague Law and Geneva Law). The course further addresses the philosophy, principles and practical application of international humanitarian law. It consists of the international rules governing the conduct of armed hostilities; limiting the methods and means of warfare; and outlining the obligation to protect the victims of armed conflict.

036- Labour Law

In this module student will acquire the knowledge about the concept, sources and the importance of labor law. It regulates the rights and obligations of the employer and the employee. It includes such topics as health and safety at work and unfair dismissal and further this course will teach the students about the process of appeal of administrative decision.

037-Legacy and Inheritance

In this module will teach students about the concept of inheritance, its condition, its argument, obligations and the rights of devised as well as inheritor's shares. This module also covers the concept of will, its sources, elements, conditions, forms and the differences between inheritance and the will.

Fourth year modules descriptions:**004-The Law of Criminal Procedures**

It is concerned with the structure of proceedings in the criminal courts, regulates the rules of evidence, right of appeal and the decision (sentences) which may be imposed

041-Real Property Rights

By studying this modules the students will acquire knowledge about the concept of real state, kinds, capitals, rights of property, some kinds of guarantee, mortgage possession and the right of privileges in real state mortgage.

042- The Law of Civil Procedures

It deals with organization of civil courts, its ranks and civil proceedings, and the methods of civil execution as well as the process of appeal.

043-Private international law

The private international law regulates the rights, duties and obligations of individuals when there is a conflict between national and a foreign citizen; as well as the rule that guides the court to apply the law in a specific case. Moreover, This course covers issues relating to private international law such as its concept, nature, sources and national identity. Student will also learn about the regulations of national identity and the conflict about different nationalities and implementation of the judgment of foreign court.

044- Commercial Papers

It deals with commercial papers such as cheques, promissory notes, a bill of exchange and the obligations of drawer, drawee, payee and endorsement.

045- Usual-Alfeq

In this module students will learn some significant factor relating to Islamic teaching and understanding; covering wide issues and subject matters relating to Islamic law making. Students will learn that Usual Alfeq is ruling and judgment made from evidence found in Shariah and Quran and drawing from consensus Islamic scholars. Alfeq does not necessarily comes from Shariah i.e. Quran and Sunnah but it does come indirectly from these sources. These are fundamental aspect of this module and it will enable students to distinguish between these factors.

046- Executive Law

This module will provide the students with knowledge about the importance of this law from both aspects theoretical and practical. Moreover, students will learn about procedures of the execution, ability to analyze and criticize the codes of this law. In addition, this course will enable students to apply and practice this law in their future career as jurist.

04- Graduate Research Project

The teaching of how to do undergraduate research is very important and that is what student will learn in this module. This course will enhance students learning experiences and how to expand intellectual vitality. Furthermore, this module will enable students to tackle academic problems and how to carry out a research project without jeopardizing academic integrity and the ability to pose a real-world question and how to answer it both from primary and secondary sources.