

GAU, Faculty of Law

Course Title	Legal Research and Writing I	
Course Code	LAW107	
Type of Course	Compulsory	
Level of Course	Bachelor's Degree	
National Credits	3	
ECTS Credits	6	
Theoretical (hour/week)	3	
Practical (hour/week)	-	
Year of Study	1	
Semester when the course unit is delivered	1	
Mode of Delivery	Face-to-face	
Language of Instruction	English	
Prerequisites and co-requisites	LAW108 Legal Research and Writing II	
Objectives of the Course		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> familiarise students on how to identify, use and analyse primary and secondary legal authorities to solve legal problems and how to structure and draft legal memoranda and briefs. 		
Learning Outcomes		
The students who have succeeded in this course should be able to		Assessment
1	Ability to distinguish types of legal rules, dissect legal rules into their basic components and to synthesize a unified rule of law from disparate sources	1, 2
2	Proficiency in identifying issues and precedent applicable to the client's case.	1
3	The ability to conduct moderately complex research exercises and use research evidence.	1
4	Ability to translate legal research and analysis into an objective writing that is organized effectively, conveys all relevant substance clearly and omits extraneous matters.	1, 2
<i>Assessment Methods: 1.Exam 2.Assignment 3.Project/Report 4.Presentation 5.Lab Work</i>		
Course's Contribution to Program		
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1	To understand key areas of substantial and procedural national and international laws.	5
2	To develop capacity for legal research, with ability to access information and primary and secondary resources in various areas of law.	4
3	Acquire understanding of the principal features of the English Legal System (Common Law-institutions and procedures), laying foundations for entry to the profession.	5
4	Demonstrate ability to interpret extensive and complex legal authority in particular areas of law and have capacity for producing clear summary of legal issues.	2
5	Develop ability to identify legal issues arising from factual situations, analyse and interpret legal problems and apply relevant legal rules for the provision of practical and reasoned advise to particular problems.	2
6	Understand the interconnection between various area of law and the dynamics of legal study in its interconnection to social, political and economic contexts.	3
7	Demonstrate ability to provide legal and critical analysis.	3
8	To acquire skills of communication in both oral and written forms, making use of correct legal terminology.	4
9	To possess skills required for legal practice such as argument development, legal reasoning, drafting and pleading writing.	3
10	Acquire transferrable intellectual and professional skills (such as independence, time management and teamwork) to provide enhanced grounds for employability in the legal industry.	4
11	To understand and act in accordance with the standards, responsibilities, ethical requirements of the profession and norms of the established legal practices.	1

12	To be self-reflective while learning; recognise the need for, and have capacity to engage in life-long learning in the context of new legal developments.	3	
<i>CL (Contribution Level): 1.Very Low, 2.Low, 3.Moderate, 4.High, 5.Very High</i>			
Course Contents			
Week		Exams	
1	Introduction		
2	Sources of Law		
3	Finding Materials		
4	Writing and Drafting: Preparation, Plan, Draft, Checks and others		
5	Practical Legal Research: Writing Law Essays		
6	Applying Your Research		
7	Review		
8		Midterm	
9	Answering Legal Problem Questions		
10	Exam Strategies		
11	Skills for Resolving Disputes: Negotiation		
12	Skills for Resolving Disputes: Mediation		
13	Writing Law Essays		
14	Referencing/Citation and Plagiarism		
15		Final	
Recommended Sources			
Textbook: Learning Legal Skills and Reasoning (Hanson, Kliem and Waters, Routledge Publishing, 5th Edition, 2022.			
Supplementary Material (s): Readings for Legal Research and Writing I & II Custom Edition 3E: Curated by Laura B. Daghe et.al., Aspen Publishers, 2020; Skills For Lawyers: Annabel Elkington et.al., College of Law Publishing, 2010.			
Assessment			
Attendance		5%	
Homeworks		20%	
Midterm		25%	
Final		50%	
Total		100%	
ECTS Allocated Based on the Student Workload			
Activities	Number	Duration (hour)	Total Workload (hour)
Course duration in class	13	3	39
Assignments	2	6	12
Project/Presentation/Report Writing	-	-	-
Midterm Examination	1	2	2
Final Examination	1	2	2
Self Study	19	6	114
Total Workload			169
Total Workload/30 (h)			5.6
ECTS Credit of the Course			6