

LEGAL STUDIES (LAW-UH)

LAW-UH 1010 What is Law? Comparative Global Jurisprudence (4 Credits)

Typically offered Spring

This course poses the fundamental questions: "What is law?"; "What is a legal system?"; and "What is the rule of law?" Appreciating that law reflects different cultural and historical facts, the course employs a comparative methodology in order to explore the fundamental questions from the perspective of various legal traditions. This comparative methodology considers jurisprudence from African, Chinese, Hindu, Marxist, Islamic, Southeast Asian, and Western legal traditions. In relation to these diverse legal traditions, the course examines the topics of natural law, legal positivism, interpretivism, legal realism, justice, human rights, critical legal studies, feminist jurisprudence, critical race theory, and post-modernist jurisprudence.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded

Repeatable for additional credit: No

- Bulletin Categories: Legal Studies Major: Required

LAW-UH 1011 Legal Writing and Research (4 Credits)

Typically offered Fall and Spring

This course provides an introduction to sources of law, legal research, legal reasoning, and interpretative methodologies. The course discusses the sources and techniques for basic legal research. It develops and hones students' ability to write about complex legal issues in a variety of settings and for a variety of audiences. The course focuses on the interpretation of texts, developing clear and persuasive arguments, and the use of available library resources including technologically available legal materials. It also treats the drafting of legal briefs, memorandum, and other legal documents. A central feature of the course is to lay the groundwork for working with various law-related texts as a foundation for legal studies and for the eventual senior capstone thesis.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded

Repeatable for additional credit: No

- Bulletin Categories: Legal Studies Major: Required

LAW-UH 1012 Legal System and Method (4 Credits)

Typically offered Fall

The history of Western law is that of the two Romes, of the Papacy and law - papatus and imperiatus. It is a narrative of codification and the books of law, of scriptural texts and the casuistry that they generate. The first moment of legal study is that of inaugural texts and collections, of sovereignty, its representation and its textual delegation. The course will introduce the hierarchy of sources of law, the process of enacting law, the concepts of norm and rule, and then the plural regime of legal interpretation of sources, the hermeneutics of practice. Beginning with the concept of the code, the course will proceed to the topics of statutory interpretation, systems of precedent, and forensic rhetoric in distinct substantive legal disciplines. As the English legal sage Sir Edward Coke put it, inevitably in Latin, *nemo nascitur artifex* - no one is born a lawyer. To this end, the methods course will also entail and be supported by a vigorous legal writing and research program.

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Repeatable for additional credit: No

- Bulletin Categories: Legal Studies Major: Required

LAW-UH 1013 Business Law (4 Credits)

Typically offered Spring

The law has become a central subject in the world of business, setting the rules and regulations under which economies operate. This course explores the legal environment in which businesses operate and studies the interaction between business and the legal system. The course will first introduce students to the legal and constitutional environment of business and business dispute resolution. Students will then be introduced to intellectual property and internet law, business crime and regulatory compliance, business contracts on a comparative law basis, business negotiable instruments such as checks and banking, letter of credits, documentary credits, debtor-creditor relationships and more specifically creditor's rights, bankruptcy, reorganization, employment relations, agency, labor and immigration. This course will then examine the business organizations such as sole proprietorships, partnerships, limited liability companies and different topics that dictate how to form, buy, manage, run, close or sell a business. NOTE: Students may take either LAW-UH 1013 or LAW-UH 1014. Students who take both cannot use the other as a Legal Studies elective.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded

Repeatable for additional credit: No

- Bulletin Categories: BOS: General Business Electives
- Bulletin Categories: Legal Studies Major: Required
- Bulletin Categories: SRPP: Institutions Public Policy
- Crosslisted with: Business, Organizations, and Society
- Crosslisted with: Legal Studies
- Crosslisted with: NO LONGER USED
- Crosslisted with: SRPP: Major Soc Sci Required
- Crosslisted with: Social Research Public Policy

LAW-UH 1014 Commercial Law (4 Credits)

Typically offered Fall

This course is designed to provide you with the basic building blocks, the knowledge and skills, to deal confidently with company law. It is an area of law that many students expect to be dry, technical and difficult. It is certainly challenging and as a largely statute-based area of law, potentially dry. But the reality of company law is very different. The course does not slavishly follow the structure of the Companies Act 2006 - the largest piece of legislation ever produced by Parliament. That would be an impossible project and an ineffective way of studying company law. Focusing upon underlying fundamentals, contemporary debates and transferable skills this module enables you to explore the basic principles and concepts central to company law in their social setting. The course treats the role of company law in the regulation of business organizations, introduction to legal forms of business organization; incorporation; separation of ownership and control, corporate governance, directors' duties, and remedies. NOTE: Students may take either LAW-UH 1013 or LAW-UH 1014. Students who take both cannot use the other as a Legal Studies elective.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded

Repeatable for additional credit: No

- Bulletin Categories: Legal Studies Major: Required
- Crosslisted with: Economics Major: Required
- Crosslisted with: Economics
- Crosslisted with: Legal Studies
- Crosslisted with: NO LONGER USED

LAW-UH 1014G Commercial Law (4 Credits)*Typically offered Fall*

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Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No

- Bulletin Categories: Legal Studies Major: Required
- Crosslisted with: Economics Major: Required
- Crosslisted with: Economics
- Crosslisted with: Legal Studies
- Crosslisted with: NO LONGER USED

LAW-UH 1110 Contracts (4 Credits)*Typically offered Fall*

The course in Contracts will provide an international and comparative introduction to the law of volitional obligations. The course will familiarize students with the basic concepts of promise, consideration, offer and acceptance, vitiating factors, terms and conditions, interpretation, performance, breach, and remedies. Comparing the international regulation of sale of goods and the Roman principles underpinning European contract law, the course will then develop the key features of the common law of contract and trace its roots and future in European law.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No

- Bulletin Categories: Legal Studies: Electives

LAW-UH 1114 Alternative Dispute Resolution (4 Credits)*Typically offered Spring*

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) processes are no longer "alternative" but a major part of contemporary justice systems. Modern legal practice requires lawyers to negotiate settlements on behalf of clients and advise clients how to resolve disputes without litigation. This course will introduce students to the theory and practice of ADR methods and provide students with the opportunity to develop practical skills required for dispute resolution and legal practice through in-class role plays and assignments. The course is intended to assist students in developing negotiation skills and the ability to conduct dispute resolution processes and guide the parties towards mutually acceptable resolutions. The course will focus on international dispute settlement and conflict scenarios involving countries and contemporary global concerns such as climate change. International Law principles and instruments will be discussed in class to help students engage in discussions and conduct the role plays, many of which are based on real-life international disputes. National legal systems, relevant domestic law and case law will also be discussed in certain modules.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No

- Bulletin Categories: Legal Studies: Electives

LAW-UH 2010 Legal Institutions (4 Credits)*Typically offered Spring*

Common law has for the best part of half a century been a part of European Union law and common law has thus, through international and European links, reattached to its historical and linguistic roots in civil law. The study of substantive law begins with the division, inaugurated in classical Rome, between persons, actions and things. Law operates either in personam, or in rem, through the person or the thing. The study of law thus begins with the concept of subjective right and the law of persons, the framework of citizenship and the definition of the Constitution. Public law, the separation of powers, the legal framework of criminal law and other regulatory domains, and particularly the administration of justice, and the professional responsibility of lawyers, fall within this classification. The domain of private law divides into the basic disciplines of Contract, Tort, and Property. The links from these basic divisions to Commercial, Environmental, and Intellectual Property law will be tracked and framed. NOTE: This course may be replaced by LAW-UH 2011 or LAW-UH 2123.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No

- Bulletin Categories: Legal Studies Major: Required

LAW-UH 2011 Constitutional and Administrative Law (4 Credits)*Typically offered Fall*

In Law Schools throughout the world 'constitutional and administrative law' - also referred to as 'Public Law' - is concerned primarily with the legal rules and processes that structure and regulate a country's government. In addition, in this course, we pay equal attention to the study of the historical and contemporary social and political facts and values which qualify the function of such rules. Studying the public law together with the key political facts and values that determine its real function is particularly appropriate in the UK because its constitution, unlike most other countries', is neither codified in a single, legally binding document nor considered to be supreme law that could override the Parliament's will. Instead, the UK parliament is considered entirely free to legislate on any subject matter. Part One will focus on constitutional law and its general structure in the UK, and Part Two will focus on administrative law and judicial review. NOTE: This course may be used in place of the Legal Studies required course LAW-UH 2010, Legal Institutions.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No

- Bulletin Categories: Legal Studies: Electives
- Bulletin Categories: Political Science: Breadth Electives
- Bulletin Categories: Political Science: Political Theory Inst
- Crosslisted with: Legal Studies
- Crosslisted with: NO LONGER USED
- Crosslisted with: Political Science Major: Social Science Required
- Crosslisted with: Political Science

LAW-UH 2112 Gender in Law (4 Credits)*Typically offered January term*

This course examines the relationship between gender politics, legal theory, and social policy. Students will study the role that the legal arena and certain historical conditions have played in creating, revising, and protecting particular gender identities (and failing to protect other gender identities) and examine the political effects of those legal constructions.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No

- Bulletin Categories: Gender St: Social, Political Cultural Structures
- Bulletin Categories: Legal Studies: Electives
- Crosslisted with: Gender Studies
- Crosslisted with: Legal Studies
- Crosslisted with: NO LONGER USED

LAW-UH 2114 Climate Change Law and Policy (4 Credits)*Typically offered Fall*

Climate change will be a foremost theme that will influence financial activities, and policy and legal framework for years to come. In a noticeably short time span, climate change has become a global challenge calling for collective action. Climate change law is emerging as a new legal discipline. Students in this course will explore how climate change law relates to other areas of law and how climate change has elicited rulemaking process at the international, regional, national and local levels. The class will be invited to study the negotiation process, implementation and current status of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the Kyoto Protocol, and the Paris Agreement. The class will then proceed to evaluate the various legal tools that are available at national and international level to address climate change, including cap-and-trade, carbon taxation, command-and-control regulation, litigation, securities disclosures, and voluntary actions.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No

- Bulletin Categories: Environmental Studies: Envr Policy
- Bulletin Categories: Legal Studies: Electives
- Bulletin Categories: Political Science: International Politics
- Crosslisted with: Environment
- Crosslisted with: Environmental Studies
- Crosslisted with: Legal Studies
- Crosslisted with: NO LONGER USED
- Crosslisted with: Political Science Major: Social Science Required
- Crosslisted with: Political Science

LAW-UH 2119 Speech, Debate, and Oral Argumentation (1 Credit)*Typically offered Fall and Spring*

Students attend weekly sessions that entail delivering speeches, debating and/or mooted. The sessions are intended to foster clear analysis, the development of persuasive arguments, and effective oral presentation. Students who fulfill the course requirements (as stipulated in the course syllabus) receive 1 credit hour per semester up to a maximum of 4 credit hours over the course of four academic semesters. First year students are not eligible to enroll in this course during their first semester.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** Yes

- Bulletin Categories: Legal Studies: Electives

LAW-UH 2122X Introduction to Islamic Law (4 Credits)*Typically offered Spring*

What is Islamic law? What kinds of sources do we use to access Islamic law, and how has Islamic legal thinking and practice changed historically? This course introduces students to topics in Islamic law while addressing questions of continuity and change in the Islamic legal tradition from medieval to modern times. The first part of the course will introduce aspects of substantive Islamic law, including criminal and penal law, family law, and the law of war, through the eyes of a twelfth-century jurist's legal handbook. The second part will explore the diversity of Islamic law across chronological and geographic space, examining topics from classical jurisprudence to Ottoman constitutionalism, the encounter with colonialism and contemporary Islamic states.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No

- Bulletin Categories: Arab Crossroads Studies: History Religion
- Bulletin Categories: Islamic Studies
- Bulletin Categories: Legal Studies: Electives
- Crosslisted with: Arab Crossroads Studies Major: Required
- Crosslisted with: Arab Crossroads Studies
- Crosslisted with: Legal Studies
- Crosslisted with: NO LONGER USED

LAW-UH 2123 Public International Law (4 Credits)*Typically offered Fall*

This course introduces the principles and rules that govern the relations between States, and their interactions with other international actors on the global stage. It is designed to give students an understanding of the rules governing international relations, their historic development, and their application in the modern world. The course will focus on doctrinal aspects of international law and their critical application, including how politics and power inform the negotiation and enforcement of international agreements. The course will cover a range of topics including: sources of international law, subjects of international law, the use of force in international law, the operation of the United Nations system, settlement of disputes in international law (including the role of the International Court of Justice), international human rights, and international environmental law. It offers a rigorous foundation for further study in this field. NOTE: This course may be used in place of the Legal Studies required course LAW-UH 2010, Legal Institutions.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No

- Bulletin Categories: Legal Studies: Electives

LAW-UH 2124 Human Rights Law (4 Credits)*Typically offered Fall*

This course analyzes the legal foundations, global politics and history of the conception, protection, and violation of human rights law. It presents analytical frameworks, concepts, facts, legal theories, and empirical methods used in the study of the politics of human rights law. It examines how democracy and democratization, international law and institutions, the activities of powerful democracies, and global civil society each influence human rights law around the world. It incorporates perspectives from the disciplines of law, political science, economics, history and sociology.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No

- Bulletin Categories: Legal Studies: Electives
- Bulletin Categories: Peace Studies Minor: Electives
- Bulletin Categories: Political Science: Breadth Electives
- Bulletin Categories: SRPP: Institutions Public Policy
- Crosslisted with: Legal Studies
- Crosslisted with: NO LONGER USED
- Crosslisted with: Peace Studies Minor: Required
- Crosslisted with: Peace Studies
- Crosslisted with: Political Science Major: Social Science Required
- Crosslisted with: Political Science
- Crosslisted with: SRPP: Major Soc Sci Required
- Crosslisted with: Social Research Public Policy

LAW-UH 2126X International Commercial Arbitration: From Ancient Arabia to Contemporary Singapore (4 Credits)*Typically offered January term*

Arbitration is one of the oldest and most effective methods of dispute resolution. It has grown in importance significantly over the past few decades, particularly on the international level. This course will cover foundational aspects of international commercial arbitration (the arbitration agreement, the arbitral tribunal, the arbitral procedure, the seat of arbitration, the law applicable to the merits of the dispute, and the arbitral award and its enforcement). Students will then turn their attention to the specificities of arbitration in the Middle East and North Africa, from its Islamic origins to its current challenges, as well as to Singapore, one of the leading arbitration centers in Asia and the world. To complement class time, students will meet with several arbitral institutions and other practitioners based in the United Arab Emirates (virtually or in-person) and in Singapore (virtually), to further develop students' knowledge of contemporary international commercial arbitration.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No

- Bulletin Categories: Arab Crossroads Studies: Society Politics
- Bulletin Categories: Islamic Studies
- Bulletin Categories: Legal Studies: Electives
- Crosslisted with: Arab Crossroads Studies Major: Required
- Crosslisted with: Arab Crossroads Studies
- Crosslisted with: Legal Studies
- Crosslisted with: NO LONGER USED

LAW-UH 2127 International Business and Sustainability (4 Credits)*Typically offered Fall*

This course sheds a transdisciplinary and critical light on globalization. It aims to help students understand how late 20th century's hyper-globalization has been underpinned by legal rules, institutions and beliefs that have both fostered economic growth and contributed to the race-to-the-bottom in tax, labor and environmental regulations, thus leading the way to the quadruple crisis (both economic, ecologic, social and political) that we are now facing. It will address these issues by articulating case studies, analysis of legal rules and legal theory. This course will also highlight forward looking analyses and reform proposals aimed at aligning international business conduct with sustainable development goals.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No

- Bulletin Categories: Legal Studies: Electives
- Crosslisted with: Legal Studies
- Crosslisted with: NO LONGER USED

LAW-UH 2128 Theory of Property Law (4 Credits)*Typically offered Spring*

This course aims to provide, from a critical perspective, an historical introduction to the various ways of theorizing Property and Property Rights in the West, some analytics about the key concepts of the field (once called Laws of Things), and a survey of contemporary debates about Property. The method of the course is genealogical. After a brief presentation of pre-modern ways of theorizing Property, the course is first devoted to the rise and triumph of Property as a subjective, absolute and exclusive right. Then, it examines various attempts to overcome this conception, mainly social, analytical and realist critiques, to conclude with a view on the current debate in Property Theory.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No

- Bulletin Categories: Legal Studies: Electives

LAW-UH 2129 Mooting (4 Credits)*Typically offered Fall and Spring*

How do people, states, and organizations articulate their rights in diplomacy and dispute settlement? What roles do codified law, precedent, and politics play in the resolution of disputes arising from public, commercial, and civil interactions? How do courts and tribunals shape these practices, and how have they created doctrine on jurisdiction, admissibility, interpretation, responsibility, liability, defenses, and evidence? How do lawyers develop legal strategies when law is emerging, fragmented, and precedents are non-binding? This course guides students to answers to these questions through mooting: researching, writing, and presenting legal arguments for hypothetical cases in standardized competitions. The course first introduces dispute settlement and/or prosecution in the international context; legal research techniques, briefing, and argumentation; and sources relevant for a mooting competition. Students then research, write, and practice legal arguments. Qualified students may form a team to compete in international mooting competitions in Dubai, Washington, The Hague, Nuremburg, Hong Kong, or Vienna.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No

- Bulletin Categories: Legal Studies: Electives
- Bulletin Categories: Political Science: Breadth Electives
- Crosslisted with: Legal Studies
- Crosslisted with: NO LONGER USED
- Crosslisted with: Political Science Major: Social Science Required
- Crosslisted with: Political Science

LAW-UH 2131 Law and the Arts (4 Credits)*Typically offered Spring*

Intellectual property rights arise upon the creation of art works. As an introduction to intellectual property law, this class will identify and examine the copyright, trademark, design patent, and patent rights which may attach to art works in the fields of literature, visual arts, theater, dance, and film. Focusing on copyright, the extent of the distribution of ownership, transferability, and assignment of these exclusive rights, as well as mechanisms for their registration, transfer, and enforcement, will be addressed and compared across common and civil law jurisdictions including the United States, the United Kingdom, Europe, and the United Arab Emirates. Such study will ensue with the analysis of national legislative frameworks and interpretive case law, and other international materials. Exceptions to the exclusive rights in the art works will also be examined in the context of national and international public policy priorities. Additional topics may include: negotiating music recording contracts, commissioning art installations, bringing concerts to the UAE, identifying art in money laundering, and returning Nazi-era art.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No

- Bulletin Categories: Legal Studies: Electives
- Bulletin Categories: Theater: History, Theory, Criticism Electives
- Crosslisted with: Legal Studies
- Crosslisted with: NO LONGER USED
- Crosslisted with: Theater Major: Required
- Crosslisted with: Theater

LAW-UH 2132 Vis Moot Topics (2 Credits)*Typically offered Fall*

This course provides the students in the Fall, Part I, the opportunity to participate and compete in the annual Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot. Part II of the course will be offered in spring. The full course develops the students' research, writing, and oral argument skills, and provides immediately applicable knowledge as to the process, procedure, and legal framework of international commercial arbitration. The course provides substantive study of international legal materials including the Convention on the International Sale of Goods, the UNIDROIT Principles, the NY Convention, and other international rules, laws, conventions, treaties, awards, and decision. The course results in in-depth knowledge of cutting-edge procedural and substantive legal issues in commercial arbitration as raised in the Moot. Moreover, the course requires significant team work and will result in team unity. The class will collaborate extensively in performing in-depth research on procedural and substantive international arbitral and commercial issues, and depending on the number of students, construct and polish one or more Claimant's Memorandum.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No**Prerequisites:** LAW-UH 1011.

- Bulletin Categories: Legal Studies: Electives
- Bulletin Categories: Political Science: Breadth Electives
- Crosslisted with: Legal Studies
- Crosslisted with: NO LONGER USED
- Crosslisted with: Political Science Major: Social Science Required
- Crosslisted with: Political Science

LAW-UH 2133 Vis Moot Part II: International Arbitration Competition (2 Credits)*Typically offered Spring*

This course provides the students in Part I, the enriching opportunity to participate and compete in the 29th annual Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot East. Part II will be offered in Spring. The full course develops the students' research, writing, and oral argument skills, and provides the immediately applicable knowledge as to how an arbitration runs. Moreover, the course requires significant team work and will result in team unity. The Vis Moot's Problem is released in October, the Claimant's Memoranda are due in December, and Respondent's Memoranda due in January. International pre-moot oral argument competitions begin in February, with a final Moot in Hong Kong in March-April. The Problem will address a dispute concerning a commercial business transaction gone awry. The class will collaborate extensively in performing in-depth research on procedural and substantive international arbitral and commercial issues and depending on the number of students, construct and polish one or more Claimant's Memoranda. The students will also learn to build and deliver sophisticated legal and policy oral arguments. Teams of four students will argue in competitions.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No**Prerequisites:** LAW-UH 2132.

- Bulletin Categories: Legal Studies: Electives
- Bulletin Categories: Political Science: Breadth Electives
- Crosslisted with: Legal Studies
- Crosslisted with: NO LONGER USED
- Crosslisted with: Political Science Major: Social Science Required
- Crosslisted with: Political Science

LAW-UH 2134 Animal Law & Policy (4 Credits)*Typically offered Spring*

How are animals being treated, and what can laws and policies change about it? This course will address these questions by articulating case studies and analysis of legal rules, while also building on social sciences and legal theory. It will map the values and interests underpinning animal law and policy (from animal ethics to trade in animals and animal products). The course will then examine the various legal rules that set the appropriate standard of treatment of animals on the farm, in the lab, in the wild, etc. Central debates in animal law that are of interest for social sciences will be considered, by insisting on their legal ramifications (e.g. Should animals have rights? Should civil disobedience be penalized?, etc.). Intersections between animal exploitation and other forms of injustice will be put forward, thus leading students to consider how environmental law, labor law, consumer law or human rights law may be considered as effective gateways to bolster (also) animal protection. Endorsing a critical and forward-looking perspective, the course will sharpen the analytical skills and the legal imagination of students.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No

- Bulletin Categories: Core: Structures of Thought Society
- Bulletin Categories: Environmental Studies: Envr Policy
- Bulletin Categories: Legal Studies: Electives
- Crosslisted with: Core: Structures of Thought Society
- Crosslisted with: Environment
- Crosslisted with: Environmental Studies
- Crosslisted with: Legal Studies
- Crosslisted with: NO LONGER USED

LAW-UH 2135 Disability Law and Policy (4 Credits)*Typically offered Spring*

This is a course about human difference and the law. Specifically, it is about the human difference of disability. Disability directly affects over 1 billion persons in the world today - or at least 15% of any given population. The course will explore the profound shift in values in recent years from a traditional welfare, charity or 'medical model' of disability to a 'social model' and onwards to a 'human rights model.' It will track how these changes in values has been reflected in law - both national and international. It will examine some of the core features and rights contained in the UN convention on the rights of persons with disabilities (UN CRPD) and it will connect the disability rights debate to ongoing and broader challenges facing humanity including armed conflicts, climate change and the epoch changing impact of Artificial Intelligence.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No

- Bulletin Categories: Legal Studies: Electives

LAW-UH 2136 Refugee Protection in International Law (4 Credits)*Typically offered Spring*

Refugees are considered a special type of migrant entitled to international protection. But who is the refugee in international law, and what types of protection are available? The international refugee regime did not develop in a vacuum but is directly related to the mass displacement that occurred as a result of the Second World War. However, the 1951 Convention has become central to refugee protection worldwide, with over 140 State parties to the Convention and/or the 1967 Protocol. Hence, we will become familiar with the 1951 Convention refugee definition, the way different courts have interpreted it, and assess whether this definition is appropriate considering the various reasons for forced migration, as well as exploring alternative refugee definitions. This course presents the key aspects of the international protection of refugees. It covers the historical development of international refugee law, the 1951 Refugee Convention, regional refugee frameworks, law and practice worldwide, the relationship between refugee law and other bodies of law, and broader questions of global refugee law and policy, particularly in light of the Global Compact on Refugees.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No**Prerequisites:** Sophomore standing or higher.

- Bulletin Categories: Legal Studies: Electives
- Bulletin Categories: Peace Studies Minor: Electives
- Crosslisted with: Legal Studies
- Crosslisted with: NO LONGER USED
- Crosslisted with: Peace Studies Minor: Required
- Crosslisted with: Peace Studies

LAW-UH 2137 Environmental Rights & Access to Justice in the Global South (4 Credits)*Typically offered Spring*

This course is about environmental rights and access to justice in the Global South. International environmental law aims to be universal and provide responses to global problems. However, environmental law has essentially originated from rich countries and the nature conservation narrative has largely been driven by the Global North. While rich countries worry about higher environmental standards, countries in the Global South struggle with poverty, debt, and climate vulnerability. Is environmental law designed by the rich and for the rich? This course aims to discuss contemporary environmental concerns from the unique perspective of the Global South, highlighting the contributions of academics, judges, and institutions from the South. The course will bring the insights from these diverse voices on issues such as climate justice and adaptation, funding for climate action, indigenous peoples rights and access to justice, among others. Special attention will be given to 21st Century environmental problems. Appropriateness of the present environmental legal regimes and challenges for the future will also be mooted in the course.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No

- Bulletin Categories: Legal Studies: Electives

LAW-UH 2138 International Law and Israel-Palestine (4 Credits)*Typically offered Spring*

The course offers critical consideration of the role and relevance of international law in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and offers a nuanced exploration of questions of law, human rights, and social justice. The course will cover issues such as the international legal history of the conflict from the 1917 Balfour Declaration to the 1947 UN Partition Plan to the 1967 Occupation and the Oslo Process of the 1990s. The course also examines the law of occupation, including the application of human rights to occupied territory, the status of the Wall, and Apartheid. Finally, the course will offer a critical assessment of mainstream and alternative solutions, and will end with an assessed class research conference.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No

- Bulletin Categories: Legal Studies: Electives

LAW-UH 2500 Criminal Law (4 Credits)*Typically offered Spring*

How does law concern itself with crime? Indeed, how is crime defined in law and is its conceptualization temporally determined? This course will seek to examine the notion of criminality with reference to the subject of the 'criminal' and the juridical apparatus that seeks to punish it. Here, we will look at juridical concepts of criminal responsibility as well as key criminal legal doctrines. We will situate the juridical notions alongside social, political, and historical contexts. For this we will engage with various perspectives on the historical developments of the idea of punishment, and conclude with the contemporary criminological turn to the management of crime through preventative measures, and surveillance technologies.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No

- Bulletin Categories: Legal Studies: Electives
- Crosslisted with: Legal Studies
- Crosslisted with: NO LONGER USED

LAW-UH 2500G Criminal Law (4 Credits)*Typically offered Spring*

How does law concern itself with crime? Indeed, how is crime defined in law and is its conceptualization temporally determined? This course will seek to examine the notion of criminality with reference to the subject of the 'criminal' and the juridical apparatus that seeks to punish it. Here, we will look at juridical concepts of criminal responsibility as well as key criminal legal doctrines. We will situate the juridical notions alongside social, political, and historical contexts. For this we will engage with various perspectives on the historical developments of the idea of punishment, and conclude with the contemporary criminological turn to the management of crime through preventative measures, and surveillance technologies.

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- Bulletin Categories: Legal Studies: Electives
- Crosslisted with: Legal Studies
- Crosslisted with: NO LONGER USED

LAW-UH 2501 Torts (4 Credits)*Typically offered Spring*

The course examines the effectiveness of the tort system in compensating individuals suffering personal injury, injury to reputation, psychological damage, economic loss or incursions on private property as a result of accidents, disease or intentional acts. Focusing on the tort of negligence in particular, the course explores the social, economic and political contexts in which the rules and principles of tort are applied. The first part of the course will explore the historical development of tort, the nature of tort law and the relation between tort and other branches of the law of obligations and tort's relation with other legal systems. It provides an in-depth exploration of two organizing themes (fault and damage) within tort law drawing upon a range of examples from tort law and from the tort of negligence. Part two contains the core of the course and is an extensive exploration of the tort of negligence, with special emphasis on an examination of the duty of care concept. The final part of the course explores some intentional torts, with emphasis on torts aimed at the protection of reputation, confidential information and the quiet enjoyment of land.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No

- Bulletin Categories: Legal Studies: Electives
- Crosslisted with: Legal Studies
- Crosslisted with: NO LONGER USED

LAW-UH 2501G Torts (4 Credits)*Typically offered Spring*

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Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No

- Bulletin Categories: Legal Studies: Electives
- Crosslisted with: Legal Studies
- Crosslisted with: NO LONGER USED

LAW-UH 3010 Legal Ethics and Professional Responsibility (4 Credits)*Typically offered Fall*

This course examines the ethical issues raised by the function of law and lawyers in protecting individual rights and advancing the common good. The increasing globalization and transnational practice of law warrants a comparative perspective with regard to specific issues in legal ethics. Legal materials are drawn from a variety of jurisdictions, such as Australia, China, the European Union, Finland, France, Germany, Japan, New Zealand, Russia, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, and the United States, in order to elucidate the relevant issues in legal ethics. Among the issues addressed are the legal profession and professional identity, trust, truth telling, confidentiality, conflict, client autonomy, access to legal services, cause lawyering, ethical breaches, and malpractice. These ethical issues in law are considered from a range of philosophical, cultural, social, economic, political, and religious perspectives.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No

- Bulletin Categories: Legal Studies Major: Required
- Crosslisted with: Legal Studies
- Crosslisted with: NO LONGER USED

LAW-UH 3101 Advanced Mooting Part I (Arbitration Procedure, the CISG & Advanced Mooting) (2 Credits)*Typically offered Fall*

This course, Parts I & II, provides the students the enriching opportunity to participate and compete in person in the 30th annual Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot East or Vis Moot Vienna ("Moot"). Students must take Part I to enroll in Part II. The full course builds on the fundamental knowledge and research, brief writing, and oral argument preparation and performance gained in the prior year of participation. This course provides complex and immediately applicable knowledge as to the process, procedure, and legal framework of international commercial arbitration. This course provides a deeper substantive study of international legal materials including the Convention on the International Sale of Goods, the UNIDROIT Principles, the NY Convention, national laws, and other international rules, laws, conventions, treaties, awards, and decisions. Moreover, the course requires significant teamwork and will result in team mentorship & unity. The course ends in professional-level, exhilarating, international oral argument competitions.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No**Prerequisites:** LAW-UH 1011, LAW-UH 2132 and 2133.**Antirequisites:** Mooting LAW-UH 2129 (students who took this course may not enroll).

- Bulletin Categories: Legal Studies: Electives

LAW-UH 3102 Advanced Mooting Part II Arbitration Procedure, the CISG & Advanced Mooting (2 Credits)*Typically offered Spring*

This course is a continuation of LAW-UH 3101, which provides the students the enriching opportunity to participate and compete in person in the 30th annual Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot East or Vis Moot Vienna ("Moot"). Students must take Part I to enroll in Part II. The full course builds on the fundamental knowledge and research, brief writing, and oral argument preparation and performance gained in the prior year of participation. This course provides complex and immediately applicable knowledge as to the process, procedure, and legal framework of international commercial arbitration. This course provides a deeper substantive study of international legal materials including the Convention on the International Sale of Goods, the UNIDROIT Principles, the NY Convention, national laws, and other international rules, laws, conventions, treaties, awards, and decisions. Moreover, the course requires significant teamwork and will result in team mentorship & unity. The course ends in professional-level, exhilarating, international oral argument competitions.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No**Prerequisites:** LAW-UH 3101 and Co-requisite: LAW-UH 2133.

- Bulletin Categories: Legal Studies: Electives

LAW-UH 3103 Constitutional Courts: Topics in Comparative Law (4 Credits)*Typically offered Spring*

Constitutional Courts are a relatively recent institutional innovation. With the exception of Greece, no European country followed the American example, which created a constitutional jurisdiction in the early 19th century. Only after the Second World War did we see the emergence of constitutional courts in Germany, France and Italy, with unquestionable jurisdiction to oversee the actions of both the executive and the legislature. This institutional model has now spread around the world, as constitutional or supreme courts play a central role in maintaining political stability. This course will examine how some of these new constitutional courts work both in theory and in practice. We shall begin with the emergence of judicial review in the United States, and will continue to Europe, Israel and the new post-colonial courts of India, South Africa, and Pakistan. We will read cases ranging from organizational issues, e.g. the power to convene parliament, to issues of human and social rights, e.g., the right to health care.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No**Prerequisites:** LAW-UH 2010 or LAW-UH 2011.

- Bulletin Categories: Legal Studies: Electives

LAW-UH 3500 Property - Land Law (4 Credits)*Typically offered Fall*

This course will give you the opportunity to develop a broad and coherent understanding of the key aspects of land law, and a critical awareness of the significance of contemporary research and debates about the subject. The following topics are covered in the course: (1) Thing or Process including Estates and Interests, Adverse Possession, Equitable Interests, Actual Occupation, Proprietary Estoppel; (2) Qualities of Ownership including Joint Tenancy and Tenancy in Common, Express and Resulting Trusts Acquiring and Quantifying Constructive Trusts; (3) Mortgages; (4) Freehold Covenants; (5) Easements; (6) Prescription; (7) Leases; and (8) Lease/License. This course proffers a coherent understanding of key aspects of land law and a critical awareness of the significance of contemporary research and debates about the subject. It fosters the ability to read, review, consolidate and assess critically cases, statutes and scholarly publications in the field. It exemplifies a practical understanding of how established techniques of research and enquiry are used to create and interpret knowledge in law and some originality in the application of that knowledge to legal problems and debate.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No

- Bulletin Categories: Legal Studies: Electives
- Crosslisted with: Legal Studies
- Crosslisted with: NO LONGER USED

LAW-UH 3500G Property - Land Law (4 Credits)*Typically offered Fall*

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Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No

- Bulletin Categories: Legal Studies: Electives
- Crosslisted with: Legal Studies
- Crosslisted with: NO LONGER USED

LAW-UH 3501 Equity and Trusts (4 Credits)*Typically offered Fall*

This course is an introduction to the principles, techniques and functions of equity. Disputes which arise in commercial and family contexts are increasingly resolved by recourse to equitable principles. There is therefore a corresponding need to understand the relevant and developing law, to analyze critically the functions and approaches of equity and to evaluate its impact. This course provide an elementary treatment of these matters. It concentrates on the social and legal contexts in which equity is important. Traditional analysis of equity, in terms of its historical development and its maxims, is also a feature of this course. The course involves an examination of equity's central concept, the trust. Its functions range from the preservation of family wealth to its use as a medium for collective investment trusts and superannuation and pension funds. We also consider the private purpose trust and the use of the trust in charitable provision. The course moves on to engage with issues around breach of trust, including the duties of trustees, the remedies obtainable and new frontiers in the law, such as restitution.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No

- Bulletin Categories: Legal Studies: Electives
- Crosslisted with: Legal Studies
- Crosslisted with: NO LONGER USED

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Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No

- Bulletin Categories: Legal Studies: Electives
- Crosslisted with: Legal Studies
- Crosslisted with: NO LONGER USED

LAW-UH 3503 European Union Law (4 Credits)*Typically offered Fall*

The purpose of this course is to equip you with a thorough understanding of the key features of the European Union (EU) and its legal order. Given the significant impact of EU law and policies on the Member States and beyond, understanding this area of law is vital for any legal practitioner. The study of EU law is also extremely rewarding from a more academic perspective, as it teaches us important lessons about the interaction between different legal orders, the limits of State sovereignty and the role of international institutions. In recent years, the EU has become a source of continual political conflict: both over the content of its measures and the legitimacy of its institutions. We will consider these questions throughout the course and in particular in the context of two major crises that the EU is currently facing: the refugee crisis and Brexit. The first part of the course will focus primarily on the institutional and procedural law of the EU, while the second part of the course will be concerned with the rules governing two key substantive policy areas, the internal market and the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice (AFSJ).

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No

- Bulletin Categories: Legal Studies: Electives
- Bulletin Categories: Political Science: Breadth Electives
- Bulletin Categories: Political Science: Comparative Politics
- Bulletin Categories: Political Science: International Politics
- Bulletin Categories: Political Science: Political Theory Inst
- Bulletin Categories: SRPP: Institutions Public Policy
- Crosslisted with: Legal Studies
- Crosslisted with: NO LONGER USED
- Crosslisted with: Political Science Major: Social Science Required
- Crosslisted with: Political Science
- Crosslisted with: SRPP: Major Soc Sci Required
- Crosslisted with: Social Research Public Policy

LAW-UH 4000 Legal Studies Capstone Seminar (4 Credits)*Typically offered Fall*

In this seminar forum under the guidance of a legal studies faculty member and in the academic community of the seminar participants, students identify a discrete legal text, case, or issue (or several thereof), and then engage in critical analysis from not only legal but also from philosophical, cultural, social, economic, religious, and ethical perspectives. While identifying the question(s), students undertake requisite research and begin drafting a senior thesis.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No**Prerequisites:** Declared Legal Studies major and senior standing.

- Bulletin Categories: Legal Studies: Capstone

LAW-UH 4001 Legal Studies Capstone Project (4 Credits)*Typically offered Spring*

On the basis of the work developed in the Capstone Seminar, students write a senior thesis, a significant paper that is intended as the culmination of the legal studies curriculum. During the Capstone Project, the student takes fundamental responsibility in meeting the challenge to contribute to knowledge, reframe conventional approaches, and/or create something new. At the end of the Spring semester, each student will present her/his thesis before a panel of three faculty members.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No**Prerequisites:** LAW-UH 4000.

- Bulletin Categories: Legal Studies: Capstone