

UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI

SCHOOL OF LAW

LL.B PROGRAM

REGULATIONS AND SYLLABUS FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF LAWS (LL.B.)

1. Introduction

The premier School of Law, formerly Faculty of Law, has evolved steadily from its earlier status as a mere department of the Faculty of Commerce in the 1960s, to a small but full-fledged Law Faculty in 1970, and is now one of the largest law schools in East and Central Africa. From the very beginning, its main task has been to train lawyers for the practice of Law in its multifaceted aspects. The School provides prospective lawyers with the knowledge of the law required in professional practice, commerce and industry and central and local government services. This has been advanced via the School's curriculum over the past few decades.

Our curriculum has been radically reviewed over the years in response to emerging issues and concerns. The most recent radical reviews were carried out in 1999 and 2003. In reviewing this curriculum at this time, we want to consolidate our position as the leaders in university legal education, contribute to the implementation of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 and Vision 2030, raise the bar for legal education in Kenya and East Africa and contribute to capacity building of law scholars and lawyers for nascent and emerging law schools and areas of legal practice in Kenya and beyond.

2. Objectives

To train and nurture lawyers who:

- i) Are technically competent, critical thinkers and effective communicators.
- ii) Understand the social, political and economic foundations and perspectives of law.
- iii) Appreciate the role of law in human developmental processes.
- iv) Understand the nature, manifestations and linkages of the regional and international geopolitical and legal orders.
- v) Bear responsibility for the national heritage and have a practical and intellectual interest in nation building.
- vi) Understand how technology interacts with law.
- vii) Have integrity and are committed to service beyond self.

- viii) Understand and appreciate the values of human rights, the rule of law, sustainable development and norms of governance established by the Constitution of Kenya 2010.

3. Admission Requirements

1. Applicants must satisfy the minimum University entry requirements.
2. Subject to regulation above an applicant shall be eligible for admission if the applicant has any of the following minimum qualifications:
 - a) A degree in any field from a university recognized by Senate; or
 - b) A Kenya Advanced Certificate of Education (KACE) or its equivalent from an institution recognized by senate with at least two principal passes of "C" and
 - (i) a subsidiary pass in general paper; and
 - (ii) a grade of "B" (plain) or credit "4" in English at O level; or
 - c) A Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) or its equivalent recognized by senate with a mean grade of C+ and a B (plain) in English at KCSE; or other qualifying grade equivalent to B plain as approved by senate; or
 - d) A relevant diploma with a credit pass from an institution recognized by Senate and a mean grade of C (plain) and a B (plain) in English at KCSE; (the diploma should have lasted for a minimum of 2 taught years); or
 - e) A qualification equivalent to that in (a), (b), (c) or (d) as determined by Senate.

4. Credit Transfer and Exemptions

The following rules shall apply to credit transfer and exemption:

- a) The University of Nairobi policy on academic credit transfer and exemption shall apply.
- b) Any candidate who has a relevant qualification not covered by these regulations may with the approval of Senate be exempted up to a maximum of one third of the courses offered in the programme.
- c) The following categories of applicants may seek exemption under these Regulations:
 - i) A candidate who has followed the prescribed course of instruction in the relevant course unit and passed the applicable examination at the University of Nairobi;
 - ii) A candidate who has followed a course of instruction in a course unit which subsumes the current content of the relevant course unit and passed the applicable examination in the course units at the University of Nairobi;
 - iii) A candidate who has followed the prescribed course of instruction in the relevant course unit and passed the applicable examination at any other University recognized by Senate;

- iv) A candidate who has followed a course of instruction in a subject which subsumes the current content of the relevant course unit and passed the applicable examination in the course unit at any other University recognized by the Senate;
- v) A candidate who has passed a law examination administered by a recognized professional body of repute and based on a curriculum the content of which is not less exhaustive than that of University of Nairobi with regard to the course unit;

5. Procedures for Credit Transfer and Exemption

- a) An applicant for exemption shall address an application to the Academic Registrar and shall attach evidence showing compliance with one or more of the prescribed conditions for exemption.
- b) Where an applicant relies on the content of the law curriculum or the official documentation of any examining body that is not part of the University of Nairobi, the applicant shall avail certified copies of these, as part of the application.
- c) The School shall make an appropriate recommendation to the Academic Registrar.
- d) The School may require attendance before it by an applicant for oral or any other examination, subject to any prescribed fees.
- e) Any such application shall be accompanied by the prescribed fees.

6. Course Structure and Duration

- a) A candidate shall pursue the approved programme of study involving attendance at lectures at the School and related activities for a period of not less than eight consecutive semesters and not more than twelve consecutive semesters unless the Senate has granted extension of time.
- b) To qualify for the award of the LL.B degree, a candidate must take and pass all **thirty five (35)** course units taken. These include one (1) University Compulsory Unit; twenty five (25) Law Core Units; eight (8) Law Elective Units; and one (1) unit of judicial attachment.

7. Thematic Areas of Specialization

- I. Financial and Commercial Law ;
- II. Democracy, Governance and Law;
- III. Human Rights Law;
- IV. Environmental Law; and
- V. International Law.

8. Courses Offered

8.1 First Year

First Semester

Code	Title	Pre-requisite	Hours
GPR100	Legal Research and Writing		90
GPR115	Communication Skills for Lawyers		45
GPR114	Social Foundations of Law		45
GPR109	Legal Systems and Methods		45
CCS 010	HIV/AIDS		45

Second Semester

Code	Title	Pre-requisite	Hours
GPR106	Criminal Law		90
GPR112	Contract Law		90
GPR113	Constitutional Law		90

8.2 Second Year

First Semester

Code	Title	Pre-requisite	Hours
GPR212	Law of Torts		90
GPR213	Administrative Law		90
GPR214	Commercial Law		90

Second Semester

Code	Title	Pre-requisite	Hours
GPR215	Evidence Law		90
GPR216	Property Law		90
GPR217	Equity and Trust Law		90
GPR211	Clinical at end of 2 nd semester (During vacation)		8 Weeks

8.3 Third Year

First Semester

Code	Title	Pre-requisite	Hours
GPR300	Jurisprudence		90
GPR301	Public International Law		90
GPR322	Family Law and Succession		90

Second Semester

Code	Title	Pre-requisite	Hours
GPR318	Labor Law		45
GPR323	Law of Business Associations		90
GPR312	Alternative Dispute Resolution		45
GPR324	Human Rights Law		45
GPR325	Law, Science and Technology		45

8.4 Fourth Year

First Semester Compulsory/ Core

Code	Title	Pre-requisite	Hours
GPR421	Research Paper		45
GPR422	Law, Democracy and Governance		45

Specialization

(4 electives each from a thematic area spread out throughout the entire Academic year)

Financial & Commercial Law

First Semester

Code	Title	Pre-requisite	Hours
GPR423	Banking Law		45
GPR424	Insurance Law		45
GPR415	Consumer Protection Law		45
GPR425	Introduction to Tax Law		45
GPR426	Cooperatives and Partnership Law		45

Human Rights Law

First Semester

Code	Title	Pre-requisite	Hours
GPR427	Children and the Law	GPR324	45
GPR428	Human Rights and Accountability in Service Delivery	GPR324	45
GPR429	Islamic Jurisprudence on Rights	GPR324	45

Democracy, Governance and Law

First Semester

Code	Title	Pre-requisite	Hours
GPR430	Education Law and Policy		45
GPR431	Health Law and Policy		45

Environmental Law

First Semester

Code	Title	Pre-requisite	Hours
GPR432	Environmental and Natural Resources Law		45
GPR433	Trans-boundary Ecosystems & Natural Resources Law		45
GPR420	Energy Law		45
GPR434	Trade and Environmental Law		45

International Law

First Semester

Code	Title	Pre-requisite	Hours
GPR435	Maritime Law		45
GPR403	Conflict of Laws		45
GPR436	International Criminal Law		45
GPR405	International Economic Law		45
GPR437	Externship I		45

Fourth Year Second Semester Compulsory/ Core

Second Semester

Code	Title	Pre-requisite	Hours
GPR438	Equality Law		45
GPR411	Intellectual Property Law		45

Specialization

(4 electives each from a thematic area spread out throughout the entire Academic year)

Financial & Commercial Law

Second Semester

Code	Title	Pre-requisite	Hours
GPR439	Pensions Law		45
GPR406	Competition Law		45
GPR440	Microfinance and the Law		45
GPR441	Anti-money laundering Law		45
GPR442	Securities Regulation Law		45

Human Rights Law

Second Semester

Code	Title	Pre-requisite	Hours
GPR443	Refugee & Asylum Law		45
GPR444	Gender and the Law		45

Democracy, Governance and Law

Second Semester

Code	Title	Pre-requisite	Hours
GPR445	Law and Regulation of the Media		45
GPR446	Legal Frameworks for Devolution		45
GPR447	Public Procurement Law		45

Environmental Law

Second Semester

Code	Title	Pre-requisite	Hours
GPR 448	Climate Law		45
GPR 449	Land Use Law		45
GPR 450	Bio-diversity Law		45
GPR 451	Coastal and Marine Environmental Law		45

International Law

Second Semester

Code	Title	Pre-requisite	Hours
GPR452	Regional Integration Law		45
GPR416	Law of the Sea		45
GPR453	Transnational Crimes Law		45
GPR454	Humanitarian Law		45
GPR455	Externship II		45
GPR456	Dissertation		45

9. Examination Regulations

The common examination regulations of the University of Nairobi and the School of Law shall apply. No candidate shall be admitted to an examination unless the candidate has complied with the registration and class attendance requirements under these regulations.

L12 All examinations shall be governed by the following rules:

- a) Each course unit shall be graded out of a maximum of 100 marks.
- b) Except where otherwise provided, written examinations shall constitute 70 per cent and continuous assessment or coursework 30 per cent of the marks in each course unit offered.
- c) The clinical attachment and externship programme may be graded on coursework only out of a maximum of 100 marks.
- d) A candidate who fails in one course unit with 35-39 per cent may be compensated by the School Board of Examiners from another course unit where the candidate scored the highest mark after considering the extenuating circumstances.
- e) While compensating the failed course(s) subject to the regulation above, 2% marks shall be taken from the unit(s) passed to make 1% mark below 40% mark of the failed course unit(s).
- f) For each mark compensated for, two marks shall be deducted from the compensating course score provided that such compensation shall not alter the grade.

- g) A candidate shall be eligible for compensation for a maximum of two units in the courses taken in any academic year. The pass mark in each course unit shall be 40 per cent.
- h) A candidate who fails to attain above 40% in the common courses after compensation, or who attains less than 40% in one or more courses, shall be required to sit a supplementary examination(s) in the failed course(s).
- i) A candidate who fails an examination in any unit shall be permitted to sit for a supplementary examination of the unit failed when it is next offered or in any event within a period of not more than one year.
- j) A candidate who fails in any unit in the ordinary examination shall sit a supplementary examination in that unit before proceeding to the next academic year.
- k) The highest final mark that may be awarded to a candidate in a supplementary examination shall be 40%.
- l) A candidate who fails two supplementary examinations in one academic year shall repeat the whole year.
- m) A candidate who fails after repeating the year shall be discontinued from the programme.
- n) A candidate who fails in half or more of the total course units taken in any academic year will be required to repeat the whole year.
- o) Without prejudice to (l) above, a candidate who fails in three-fourths or more of the total course units taken in any academic year shall be discontinued from the programme.
- p) A candidate who sits at least one supplementary examination shall not graduate with a first class honours degree.
- q) A candidate who sits three supplementary examinations shall not be eligible to get an honours degree.

9.1 Regulations for Research Paper and Dissertation

- a) In the first semester of the fourth year, students will be required to write a Research Paper in an area chosen by the student and supervised by a designated member of academic staff.
- b) The Research Paper and Dissertation are intended to test the student's ability to:
 - (i) Demonstrate knowledge, understanding and critical evaluation of relevant legal documents, cases and publications;
 - (ii) Communicate information and ideas in writing, sustained by evidence and other supporting data; and
 - (iii) Complete a piece of written work in a given time.
- c) The Research Paper should be approximately 5,000 words.
- d) Students who score over 65 per cent in the Research Paper may opt to write a dissertation in the second semester of the fourth year.
- e) The dissertation will build on the Research Paper and should be approximately 10,000 words.
- f) The pass mark for the Research Paper and the Dissertation is 40%.

- g) A student who fails in the Research Paper or Dissertation shall be permitted to resubmit the Research Paper or Dissertation within a year.
- h) A student shall only be allowed to resubmit the Research Paper or Dissertation twice.
A student who fails in the Research Paper or Dissertation after the second resubmission shall be required to take another unit from the fourth year elective courses.

10. Course Deferment

Subject to the University regulations on deferment a student may defer studies at any time for good cause by an application in writing to the Academic Registrar.

11. Award of Degree

The final award of the degree of Bachelor of Laws shall:

- a) Be based on the average score in all the course units taken by the candidate from the first to the fourth year.
- b) Be classified into First Class (Honours); Second Class (Upper Division or Lower Division) (Honours); and Pass.

12. Degree Classification

The classification of the degree shall be as follows:

- a) 70% -100% First Class
- b) 60% -69% Second Class (Upper Division)
- c) 50%-59% Second Class (Lower Division)
- d) 40%-49% Pass

13. CURRENT FEE SCHEDULE FOR LL.B. (MODULE II)

A. FIRST SEMESTER

TUITION FEES

Kshs. 12,580/= per 45 hours course unit & Kshs. 25,160/= per 90 hours course unit

OTHER CHARGES

Registration	Kshs. 1,000/= Per Semester
Student Identity Card	Kshs. 500/= Per Year
Computer	Kshs. 5,000/= Per Year
Caution Money	Kshs. 5,000/= Once
Examination	Kshs. 5,000/= Per Year
Medical Cover	Kshs. 5,000/= Per Year
Students Association	Kshs. 1,000/= Per Year
Activity	Kshs. 2,000/= Per Year

B. TOTAL COST PER SEMESTER

Semester	Tuition (Kshs.)	Others (Kshs.)	Total (Kshs.)
1st	75,480.00	24,500.00	99,980.00
2nd	75,480.00	1,000.00	76,480.00
3rd	75,480.00	19,500.00	94,980.00
4th	75,480.00	1,000.00	76,480.00
5th	75,480.00	19,500.00	94,980.00
6th	75,480.00	1,000.00	76,480.00
7th	75,480.00	19,500.00	94,980.00
8th	75,480.00	1,000.00	76,480.00

Total Cost per Complete Programme– Kshs. 690,840/=

Clinical Attachment 12,580.00