LAW 1106 Basic Law and Governance Structures

Hours Per Week			Hours per Semester	Weighted Total Mark	Weighted Exam Mark	Weighted Continuous Assessment	Credit Units
LH	PH	TH	CH	WTM	WEM	WCM	CU
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Rationale/Course Description

The course covers the nature of the law and the legislative structures in Uganda. It provides useful legal concepts in common law and how these relate to property ownership and possession.

Objectives/Aims

- To provide basic understanding of constitutional framework and its relationship to the governance context of Uganda.

Course Outline

1. The nature of law in Uganda, [5 CH]
2. Sources of law including: statutes, delegated legislation, and judicial precedents,
3. The judicial control and rules of natural justice, [5 CH]
4. Division of state powers: the legislature, the executive, and the judiciary [5 CH]
5. The organization of courses and their jurisdiction. [5 CH]
6. Administrative tribunals [5 CH]
7. The distinction between ownership and possession, [5 CH]
8. Reality and personality [5 CH]
9. Common law and equity. [5 CH]

Learning Outcomes

The student will be able to appreciate the structure of the legal system in Uganda, its relationship with other state organs, and the influence of common law on property ownership.

Method of Teaching/Delivery

The course will be conducted through lectures, tutorials and assignments. Basic lecture materials provided by the Lecturer will be supplemented by individual reading effort by students.

Assessment Method

Continuous assessment through assignments and tests, and final written examination. The final examination carry 60% of the total mark., while continuous assessment will carry a total of 40%.

Reading/ Reference Materials

Williams G. (1973), Learning The Law, Stevens and Sons, London. Frank, W.F. (1971), English Law.
Sawyer G. and Hiller J. (1971), The Doctrine of Precedent in the Court of appeal for East Africa. Tanzania Publishing House, Dar Es Salaam.