

Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific
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Course Description: Principles of Legal Research 2026- 2025



Course Description Form

1. Course Title
Principles of Legal Research
2. Course Code
WLW-30-08
3. Academic Year
2026-2025
4. Date of Description Preparation
2025/9/1
5. Available Modes of Attendance
In-person – Annual
6. Credit Hours (Total) / Total Units
1 Unit (60 hours)
7. Name of Course Coordinator (List all if more than one)
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.1 Course Objectives
• Description: This is considered one of the most vital objectives of scientific research, as certain studies seek to achieve descriptive goals such as discovering new facts or describing a specific reality. • Prediction: Prediction is a key focus area for researchers, aiming to formulate future scenarios and probabilities regarding potential outcomes for various phenomena. • Explanation: Through explanation, the researcher provides a comprehensive and thorough clarification of the phenomenon under study, elucidating the underlying factors and causes that lead to its occurrence. • Evaluation: Scientific research aims to...



Section	Details
9. Course Learning Outcomes, Teaching, Learning, and Assessment Methods	A. Course Syllabus • The nature of scientific research • Types of scientific research • Methods of problem selection • Data collection • Questionnaire design • Methods of data documentation • Preparing research plans (incorporating footnotes) • Compiling reference lists • Printing and publishing research • Research evaluation B. Course-Specific Subject Skills • Research & Investigation: Proficiency in utilizing legal references, encyclopedias, and modern databases to extract texts and judicial rulings. • Drafting & Analysis: Skill in reading, dissecting, and objectively analyzing legal provisions and court judgments. • Academic Writing & Integrity: Mastery of drafting working papers and academic research adhering to systematic citation and documentation protocols (footnotes/references). • Critical Thinking & Qualification: Ability to bridge theoretical frameworks with practical application, offering sound legal opinions and solutions to presented cases. C. Affective and Value-Based Objectives • Academic Integrity: Instilling values of honesty in citing information, properly attributing views and sources, and maintaining citation precision. • Critical Sense & Impartiality: Fostering objective reasoning and detachment from bias when evaluating jurisprudence or judicial rulings. • Respect for Divergent Views: Upholding academic debate etiquette when analyzing theories and refuting opposing legal arguments. • Passion for Knowledge & Professional Conduct: Recognizing legal research as a moral endeavor toward justice and cultivating awareness of the researcher's legal and social duties.

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	D. General and Transferable Skills <i>(Skills related to employability and personal development)</i> - Analytical thinking and problem-solving - Written and verbal communication - Time management and organization - Self-reliance and lifelong learning - Utilization of academic technologies
10. Teaching and Learning Strategies	- Daily lectures - Homework assignments - Daily quizzes
11. Assessment Methods	- Daily and monthly written examinations - Periodic reports - Classroom participation

Course Structure					
Week	Hours	Required Learning Outcomes	Unit Title / Topic	Teaching Method	Assessment Method
1	2	Understanding the concept of scientific research	Introduction to Legal Research: Concept and Importance	Daily Lecture	Daily Quiz / Participation
2	2	Identifying the characteristics of legal research	Characteristics and Features of Legal Research	Daily Lecture	Homework
3	2	Classifying types of legal research	Types of Legal Research (Theoretical vs. Practical)	Daily Lecture	Written Quiz
4	2	Mastering problem selection techniques	Selecting and Defining the Research Problem	Daily Lecture	Classroom Discussion
5	2	Formulating research titles	Formulating the Research Title and	Daily Lecture	Homework

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		accurately	Study Questions		Assignment
6	2	Mapping source types	Sources of Legal Information (Primary & Secondary)	Daily Lecture	Periodic Report
7	2	Navigating physical and digital libraries	Library Research and Online Legal Databases	Daily Lecture	Daily Quiz
8	2	Extracting legal text and judicial rulings	Data Collection Methods: Legislation and Precedents	Daily Lecture	Homework
9	2	Designing field research tools	Questionnaire Design and Field Data Collection	Daily Lecture	Report Evaluation
10	2	Developing critical reading skills	Reading, Dissecting, and Analyzing Legal Texts	Daily Lecture	Oral Quiz
11	2	Documenting notes systematically	Methods of Information Note-taking (Cards/Files)	Daily Lecture	Practical Exercise
12	2	Structuring a legal study	Structuring the Research Plan (Outline & Chapters)	Daily Lecture	Homework
13	2	Midterm Progress Evaluation	First Monthly Examination	Examination	Written Exam
14	2	Writing introduction and problem statements	Drafting the Introduction, Significance, and Scope	Daily Lecture	Homework
15	2	Applying academic citation rules	Rules of Academic Citation and Footnotes	Daily Lecture	Practical Quiz

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16	2	Formatting legal footnotes	Footnotes: Legal Cases, Statutes, and Books	Daily Lecture	Homework
17	2	Utilizing modern citation standards	Bluebook and OSCOLA Legal Citation Systems	Daily Lecture	Written Quiz
18	2	Developing analytical writing skills	Legal Analysis and Objective Commentary	Daily Lecture	Report Evaluation
19	2	Analyzing court rulings	Analyzing and Critiquing Judicial Judgments	Daily Lecture	Classroom Discussion
20	2	Synthesizing comparative law	Comparative Legal Research Methodology	Daily Lecture	Homework
21	2	Structuring conclusions and recommendations	Drafting Conclusions, Findings, and Recommendations	Daily Lecture	Periodic Report
22	2	Compiling bibliographies	Compiling References and Bibliography Lists	Daily Lecture	Daily Quiz
23	2	Alphabetizing legal sources	Organizing Bibliographies by Legal Source Hierarchy	Daily Lecture	Practical Exercise
24	2	Midterm Progress Evaluation	Second Monthly Examination	Examination	Written Exam
25	2	Avoiding plagiarism and ensuring integrity	Academic Integrity, Ethics, and Plagiarism Avoidance	Daily Lecture	Written Quiz

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26	2	Technical formatting for publication	Finalizing Layout, Printing, and Publication Rules	Daily Lecture	Homework
27	2	Assessing research quality	Scientific Evaluation Criteria for Legal Papers	Daily Lecture	Periodic Report
28	2	Mastering defense and presentation skills	Preparation for Oral Defense and Presentation	Daily Lecture	Classroom Presentation
29	2	Reviewing and refining complete research	Comprehensive Review of Student Drafts	Workshop / Seminar	Practical Assessment
30	2	Final Subject Evaluation	Final Comprehensive Review & Course Wrap-up	Daily Lecture	Final Assessment
Section			Details		
6. Infrastructure					
1. Required Textbooks					
2. Main References (Sources)					
A. Recommended Books and References (Scientific Journals, Reports, etc.)					

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