

Module	Jurisprudence
Course code	LLBH-J
Credits	5
Important notes	This module is offered in semester 1 only.
Allocation of marks	30% Continuous assessment 70% Final examination

Intended Module Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this module, learners will be able to:

1. Fully comprehend and embed the fundamental principles of jurisprudence and the philosophy of law in term of core areas of traditional jurisprudence.
2. Evaluate and critically conceptualise the principles of Jurisprudence that pertain to legal positivism,
3. Explain and assess the principles of Jurisprudence that pertain to law and morality and natural law.
4. Evaluate and conceptualise the principles of Jurisprudence that pertain to the philosophy of law of Ronald Dworkin.
5. Evaluate and conceptualise the principles of Jurisprudence that pertain to the philosophy of law of The Legal Realists.
6. Research, interpret and apply the theories of jurisprudence;
7. Communicate and analyse jurisprudential arguments with clarity and precision.
8. Be enabled to develop a holistic understanding of the principles of conventional Jurisprudence.

Module Objectives

1. Impart in learner a holistic understanding of the concepts of traditional Jurisprudence.
2. Develop a critical and argumentative and philosophical mindset in the learner.
3. Be able in the light of their studies to develop a critical filter of other law subjects.
4. Enhance learners' formal skills in argumentation.

Module Curriculum

- What is Jurisprudence?
- The Case of The Speluncean Explorers
- Positivism: Hart, Austin, Bentham, Kelsen, Raz
- Religious Natural Law
- Secular Natural Law and The Rights of Man
- The relationship between Law and Morality
- Dworkin
- United States Legal Realism