



University of Asia Pacific (UAP)
Department of Law and Human Rights (LHR)

Course Outline

Program:	MASTERS OF LAW
Course Title:	Comparative Law
Course Code:	Law- 513
Semester:	Fall 2017
Level:	LLM 2 nd Semester
Credit Hour:	03
Name & Designation of Teacher:	Prof. Dr. Mizanur Rahman, Adjunct Faculty
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Rationale:	Required course for LLM degree.
Pre-requisite (if any):	N/A

Course Synopsis:

Comparative Law whether it is a pure law or not, is debatable. It has no contents of its own like other courses of law like international law, criminal laws, civil laws, personal laws, company laws etc. This Discipline denotes a particular methodology for studying law with a comparative mode.

Course Objectives (CO):

The objectives of this course are to:

1. Study to keep pace with the contemporary stream and obtain a comprehensive development. Comparative law is the combination of the method which facilitates the academics, judges, lawyers, NGO activist.
2. Students to know the resemblances and differences among the legal theories, court systems and the legal systems of the present world.

Learning Outcomes (LO):

Upon completion of the course, the students will be able to:

1. the nature and scope of comparative law
2. the rationale of the public international law and comparative law
3. the stages of the development of the comparative law
4. To build the intellectual, theoretical, and practical skills on the comparative law..

Teaching-learning and Assessment Strategy: Lectures, assignments, oral presentations, quizzes, written examinations.

Linkage of LO with Assessment Methods & their Weights:

LO	Assessment Method	(%)
	Oral presentation	05
	Quiz	10
	Class attendance	10
	Assignment	05
	Midterm Exam	20
	Final Exam	50

Minimum attendance: 70% class attendance is mandatory for a student in order to appear at the final examination.

Mapping of Course LO and PO/Generic Skills:

Learning Outcome (LO) of the Course	Generic Skills/Program Outcomes* (Appendix-1)									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
the nature and scope of comparative law	√	√	√			√		√		√
the rationale of the public international law and comparative law	√		√	√	√		√	√		√
the stages of the development of the comparative law	√		√		√				√	√
To build the intellectual, theoretical, and practical skills on the comparative law		√		√	√	√		√	√	

Lecture Schedule

<u>Weeks</u>	<u>Topics</u>	<u>Reading Materials</u>
1	Why comparative Law? Meaning and Nature, Historical developments of comparative law.	Hand Out & Books
2	Classifications of Comparative Law, Functions, purposes and Utilities of Comparative Law	Hand Out & Books
3	Weakness of Comparative Law & Public International Law	Hand Out & Books
4	Comparative Law & Private International Laws	Hand Out & Books
5	Major Legal Systems of the World	Hand Out & Books
6	Common Law, Civil Laws	Hand Out & Books
7	Organizations of Courts in Common Law	Hand Out & Books
8	Organizations of Courts in Common Law, Administrative Law & Courts in Common Law & Civil Law Countries	Hand Out & Books
	MIDTERM EXAM	
9	Position of judges in Common Law, Position of judges in Civil	Hand Out &

	Law	Books
	ORAL PRESENTATION	
10	Interpretations of Statutes in Common Law & Civil Law, case Law in Common Law & Civil Law	Hand Out & Books
11	Customs in Common Law & Civil Law	Hand Out & Books
	ASSIGNMENT/COURT VISIT/PROJECT VISIT	
12	Comparison on constitutional theories in UK & USA, Judicial Review Situations	Hand Out & Books
13	Option of Writs, jurists and lawyers in Common Law & Civil Law Systems, Comparison on war Criminal Tribunals	Hand Out & Books
14	Comparative Person Law, Comparative Discussions on Muslim Laws, Review of the previous discussion	Hand Out & Books
	FINAL EXAMINATION	

Required References:

1. An introduction to the comparative law by K. Zweigert & Kötz (translated by Tony Weir)
2. Major Legal Systems in the world today by Rene David & John EC Brierley
3. তুলনামূলক আইন by Dr. Mizanur Rahman

Grading System:
(Appendix-2).

As per the approved grading scale of University of Asia Pacific

Student's responsibilities:

Students must come to the class prepared for the course material covered in the previous class(es).
They must submit their assignments on time.
They must be aware of the *Plagiarism Policy* as spelt out in the curriculum.
No late or partial assignments will be acceptable. There will be no make-up quizzes.

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Appendix-1: Program Outcomes/Generic Skills

No.	Generic Skills/Program Outcomes
1.	Intellectual skills
2.	Advocacy and case management skills
3.	Scientific and Analytical skills
4.	Research skills
5.	Communication, negotiation, & IT skills
6.	Values, Ethics and Morality
7.	Teamwork and Leadership skills
8.	Professionalism
9.	Social skills and responsibilities
10.	Life-long Learning skills

Appendix-2: Grading Policy

Numeric Grade	Letter Grade	Grade Point
80% and above	A+	4.00
75% to less than 80%	A	3.75
70% to less than 75%	A-	3.50
65% to less than 70%	B+	3.25
60% to less than 65%	B	3.00
55% to less than 60%	B-	2.75
50% to less than 55%	C+	2.50
45% to less than 50%	C	2.25
40% to less than 45%	D	2.00
Less than 40%	F	0.00