



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

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**Course Outline**

<b>Program:</b>	Masters of Law (LLM)
<b>Course Title:</b>	Advanced Legal Research
<b>Course Code:</b>	Law 521
<b>Semester:</b>	Fall-2017
<b>Level:</b>	<b>LLM-</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Year, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester
<b>Credit Hour:</b>	03
<b>Name &amp; Designation of Teacher:</b>	Dr. Chowdhury Ishrak Ahmed Siddiky
<b>Office/Room:</b>	908
<b>Class Hours:</b>	Saturday: 2.00 pm – 2.50 pm, and 3.00 pm- 3.50 pm
<b>Consultation Hours:</b>	Day 1 (Wednesday): 1.00 P.M. to 3.00 P.M. Day 2 (Friday): 9.00A.M to 10.00 A.M. Day 3 (Saturday): 9.00 P.M. to 4.00 P.M.
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<b>Rationale:</b>	Required course for LLM degree.
<b>Pre-requisite (if any):</b>	List of prerequisite course(s) to be eligible to take this course

**Course Synopsis:**

Research, legal research, importance of research, research plan to production, Types of research, Different approaches of legal research, Selection of research topic and title, Problem identification, research methodology, Research question and objectives, Literature review, Sampling, research data and its collection, Questionnaire survey, key informant interview(KII), focused group discussion(FGD), Reference style, bibliography, rules of noting, quotation, paraphrasing, Design and framing research project/thesis, Ph.D./M.Phil research.

**Course Objectives (CO):**

The objectives of this course are to:

1. Having knowledge about the concept of Advanced Legal research
2. To understand, analyze and evaluate the various legal aspects of Legal Research.
3. At least two special classes will be conducted by legendary research person of home and abroad in each semester
4. After Completion of the dissertation all the students must have to present their dissertation before the full faculty members and distinguished guests and an open discussion will be held over the presentation
5. All the students along with teacher endeavors to attend national and international seminar at different research institutions like Bangladesh Institute of Law and International Affairs (BILIA), Dhaka, Institute of Bangladesh Studies (IBS), Rajshahi, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies(BIDS), Dhaka, etc

**Learning Outcomes (LO):**

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

1. Lead the academic world and conduct internationally high-level researches in each legal field
2. Aim to discover new phenomena and create new laws for controlling technology based crime
3. Provide suggestions for the better future of humanity and the earth, based on high-level academic foundations and vision
4. Conduct researches that contribute to the development of human resources who can play a leading and core role in society and researchers who can conduct cutting-edge researches.

**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
Lead the academic world and conduct internationally high-level researches in each legal field	√		√	√	√			√		√
Aim to discover new phenomena and create new laws for controlling technology based crime	√		√		√		√			√
Provide suggestions for the better future of humanity and the earth, based on high-level academic foundations and vision	√		√		√		√	√		√
Conduct researches that contribute to the development of human resources who can play a leading and core role in society and researchers who can conduct cutting-edge researches.	√		√		√		√	√		√

**Lecture Schedule**

<b><u>Weeks</u></b>	<b><u>Topics</u></b>	<b><u>Reading Materials</u></b>
1	What is Research and Legal Research? Types or Classifications of Legal Research, Purpose/Objective/justifications of Legal Research	Hand Out
2	Methods and Methodology 1: Qualitative and Quantitative	Hand Out & Books
3	Methods and Methodology: Empirical, Content Analysis	Hand Out & Books
	<b>QUIZ</b>	
4	How to conduct Legal Research 1: Selection of the topic, why choosing a relevant topic is important, Research question, Hypothesis, Literature review.	Hand Out & Books
5	.How to conduct Legal Research 2: How to write a Research Proposal/structure/outline.	Hand Out & Books
6	Abstract and Introduction of a Legal Research 1: How to write	Hand Out & Books

	Abstracts, how to frame research questions.	
7	Abstract and Introduction of a Legal Research 2: writing the analytical part of the thesis, conclusion- what should the conclusion cover	Hand Out & Books
	<b>MIDTERM EXAM</b>	
8	Literature Review 1: What is this? Format, Purpose of a literature review.	Hand Out & Books
9	Literature Review 2: relevancy and irrelevancy of literature review.	Hand Out & Books
	<b>ORAL PRESENTATION</b>	
10	Literature Review	Hand Out & Books
	<b>ASSIGNMENT/COURT VISIT/PROJECT VISIT</b>	
11	Plagiarism: What is this? Example of plagiarism. How it is consider as an offence, Ethics of research. How to avoid plagiarism	Hand Out & Books
12	Referencing: Footnote, Endnote, Bibliography, Harvard, Oxford and AGLC referencing system.	Hand Out & Books
13	Practical Class	N/A
14	Practical Class: Have to prepare for Presentation on their own thesis paper	N/A
	<b>FINAL EXAMINATION</b>	

### Required References:

<b>Basic text(s):</b>	Kate L. Turabian. A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Thesis, and Dissertations 7 <sup>th</sup> edition-2007
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<b>Additional reading material:</b>	Hand note, website, Class Lectures

**Grading System:** As per the approved grading scale of University of Asia Pacific (Appendix-2).

**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**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Generic Skills/Program Outcomes</b>
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**

<b>Numeric Grade</b>	<b>Letter Grade</b>	<b>Grade Point</b>
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