



Master of Private Law Guideline Handbook

College of Law - University of Bahrain

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Master of Private Law

1: Program Overview

Master of Private Law is a specialized program that follows the Bachelor's degree, awarding students who complete it a Master's degree in Private Law.

2: Program Objectives

The program aims to achieve the following:

- 1.** Supporting local and regional public or private institutions with qualified legal professionals in private law field.
- 2.** Enhancing students' research skills, enabling them to conduct in-depth legal studies in the area of specialization.
- 3.** Developing students' skills in analysis, foundation, refutation, comparison, and reasoning, while enhancing their critical thinking abilities in relevant legal topics.
- 4.** Coping with legal and technological developments in the areas of private law.
- 5.** Contributing in the development of the existing legal systems through in-depth scientific research, consistent with economic, social, and scientific developments.

3: Learning Outcomes of the Program

After completing the program requirements successfully, graduates will be able to:

1. Discuss efficiently rules, principles, concepts, and fundamental theories of Private Law.
2. Compare between legal, judicial, and jurisprudential trends, along with comparative legislations, demonstrating the ability to evaluate, refute and prioritize among them.
3. Analyze emerging issues, legal texts, and judicial rulings; and propose creative solutions.
4. Write in-depth scientific research in any branch of private law by using legal research methodologies, databases, and information technology tools.
5. Complete assigned tasks efficiently, with excellence, and in a professional manner, adhering to ethical standards.

4: Admission Requirements

1. The applicant must hold a Bachelor in Law degree from the University of Bahrain or any other recognized university, with a cumulative GPA of no less than 2.33 out of 4.00 according to the grading system or its equivalent in other evaluation systems.

Applicants with a GPA less than 2.33 and a minimum of 2.00 may be admitted if they are sponsored or have at least one year of professional experience in a relevant field. This will be verified by the relevant academic department in accordance with Article (12) of the Graduate Studies Regulations at the University of Bahrain.

2. The applicant must attach the required documents as outlined on the admission page of the university's website (Steps for Postgraduate Studies Application).

<https://www.uob.edu.bh/admission-requirements/?lang=ar>

5: Duration of the Program

Two academic years, consisting of four semesters.

6: Language of the Program

The program is primarily conducted in Arabic with some elective courses offered in English.

7: Job Opportunities and Graduate Destination

A graduate of the Master of Private Law Program can pursue careers in positions related to legal affairs, with opportunities to become:

1. Judge in civil, commercial, and labor courts.
2. Legal consultant in governmental and private institutions including commercial companies and financial institutions.
3. Legal researcher in governmental and professional bodies.
4. Lecturer in private law field.
5. Lawyer.
6. Arbitrator in commercial, civil and investment disputes.

8: Program's Credit Hours

The total number of credit hours for the program (Master of Private Law) is 33 credit hours, consisting of 24 credit hours distributed across 8 courses, with 3 credit hours for each course, in addition to 9 credit hours allocated for the master's thesis. The minimum academic load for a student in one semester shall be (3) courses (9 hours), and the maximum shall be (4) courses (12) hours. The student may also register for less than (3) courses in one semester only once during his study period.

9: Attendance and Teaching Pattern

The College follows a full-time, in-person attendance model, with lectures typically held in the evening from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM once a week for each course according to the study plan. The College also adopts an e-learning policy as one of the essential tools supporting the teaching and learning process.

10: Examination and Grades Distribution

Students will undergo written and/or oral examinations, depending on the nature of each course, as determined by the department and College councils. Course's grades are normally distributed as follows:

- Mid-term written exam: 25%
- Oral exam: 25%
- Assignments and class participation: 10%
- Final written exam: 40%¹

¹ However, in Research Methods Course (Law608), students are required to submit a research paper .

The Academic Plan for the Program.

Program credit hours distribution according to the type of courses

| # | Course Type | Credit Hours | No. of course |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1 | University Requirement (UR) | - | - |
| 2 | College Requirement (CR) | - | - |
| 3 | Major Requirement (MR) | 18 | 6 |
| 4 | Major Elective (ME) | 6 | 2 |
| 5 | General Studies Elective | - | - |
| 6 | Minor (if available) | - | - |
| 7 | Thesis Credit Hours | 9 | 1 |
| 8 | Total Credit (CRD) | 33 | 9 |

Study Plan

Year 1 – Semester 1

| # | Course Title | Course Code | Credit hours |
|---|---------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1 | Research Methods | Law608 | 3-0-3 |
| 2 | Civil Law - in Depth | Law610 | 3-0-3 |
| 3 | Commercial Law - in Depth | Law615 | 3-0-3 |
| 4 | Elective Course | Lawxxx | 3-0-3 |

Year 1 – Semester 2

| # | Course Title | Course Code | Credit hours |
|---|---|-------------|--------------|
| 1 | Law of Civil and Commercial Procedure- in Depth | Law612 | 3-0-3 |
| 2 | Private International Law - in Depth | Law618 | 3-0-3 |
| 3 | Information Law - in Depth | Law613 | 3-0-3 |
| 4 | Elective Course | Lawxxx | 3-0-3 |

Year 2 – Semester 3

| # | Course Title | Course Code | Credit hours |
|---|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1 | Thesis | LAW 630 | 9-27-0 |

Year 2 - Semester 4

| # | Course Title | Course Code | Credit hours |
|---|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1 | Thesis | LAW 630 | 9-27-0 |

***Elective Courses**

| # | Course Title | Course Code | Credit hours |
|----------|---|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | Philosophy of Law | LAW 601 | 3-0-3 |
| 2 | Islamic Sharia | LAW 611 | 3-0-3 |
| 3 | in depth Banking Operations | LAW 614 | 3-0-3 |
| 4 | Commercial Arbitration - in Depth (English) | LAW 616 | 3-0-3 |
| 5 | Intellectual Property Law | LAW 617 | 3-0-3 |
| 6 | International Commercial Law (English) | LAW 619 | 3-0-3 |
| 7 | International Investment Law (English) | LAW 620 | 3-0-3 |

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