

COLLEGE OF THE BAHAMAS
UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES LL.B PROGRAMME

JURISPRUDENCE

COURSE OUTLINE – 2002/03

SEMESTER 1

1. GENERAL

This course will be taught in Year 11 as a core subject of the LL.B Degree Programme.

2. COURSE OBJECTIVE

The general objective of this course is to examine various theories of jurisprudence and to provide students with a philosophical approach to understanding the nature and function of law. Another important objective of this course is to help students develop an analytical framework in their study of the various theories, principles and rationale of the subject matter “law” in its varying dimensions. It is further intended to develop an appreciative awareness in students of the fact that the “province of jurisprudence” cuts across the whole gamut of the law, such as contract, tort, equity, etc.

3. COURSE CONTENT

- a. Natural Law
b. Positivism
c. Realism
d. Sociological School
e. Historical School
f. Economic School

4. METHOD OF TEACHING

This course will be taught by way of two (2) lectures and one (1) tutorial per week.

Each lecture will be of one (1) hour duration and the tutorial will also be of one (1) hour duration.

5. METHOD OF ASSESSMENT

This course will be assessed by way of a two (2) hours final examination at the end of the Semester.

6. ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION

Regular and punctual attendances at lectures and tutorials are not only mandatory, but are generally greatly conducive to helping students perform excellently. Moreover, meaningful and constructive participation by students in class discussions is also highly recommended to promote understanding and enhance excellent analytical skills.

7. PLAGIARISM

Students' attention is hereby being drawn to the University's Regulations regarding plagiarism, in particular the serious consequences attendant upon breaches thereof.

8. SOURCES

- Lloyd's Introduction to Jurisprudence (7th edn., 2001); or any other leading textbook on Jurisprudence;
- Riddall, Jurisprudence (2nd edn., 1999);
- Morrisson, Jurisprudence (1997, reprinted 2000);
- Law, Religion and Morality by Calvin Eversley, July 1999 University of Guyana Law Review, Vol 1, No. 1;
- The Kelsenian Theory of Law – A Critical Review by Calvin Eversley, July & December 2000 University of Guyana Law Review, Vol. 2, Nos. 1 & 2;
- Contemporary Issues of Bias in Adjudication by Calvin Eversley, December 2000 UWI Caribbean Law Review, Vol. 9, No. 2.

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