



Republic of the Philippines  
Batangas State University  
Batangas City



**COLLEGE OF LAW**  
**Bachelor of Laws (Ll. B)**

**Course Description**  
Curriculum Effective AY: 2012-2013

**FIRST YEAR – FIRST SEMESTER**

**Persons and Family Relations (4 units)**

A basic course on the law of persons and the family which first views the effect and application of laws, to examine the legal norms affecting civil personality, marriage, property relations between husband and wife, legal separation, the matrimonial regimes of absolute community, conjugal partnership of gains, and complete separation of property; paternity and filiation, adaption, guardianship, support, parental authority, surnames, absence and emancipation, including the rules of procedure relative to the foregoing.

**Constitutional Law I (3 units)**

A survey and evaluation of basic principles dealing with the structure of the Philippine Government.

**Criminal Law I (3 units)**

A detailed examination into the characteristics of criminal law, the nature of felonies, stages of execution, circumstances affecting criminal liability, persons criminally liable; the extent and extinction of criminal liability as well as the understanding of penalties in criminal law, their nature and theories, classes, crimes, habitual delinquency, juvenile delinquency, the Indeterminate Sentence Law and the Probation Law. The course covers Articles 1-113 of the Revised Penal Code and related laws.

**Legal Writing (2 units)**

An introduction of legal writing techniques; it involves applied legal bibliography, case digesting and reporting analysis, legal reasoning and preparation of legal opinions or memoranda.

**Legal Research (2 units)**

The course will introduce structures to the methodology of legal research and the preparation of legal opinions, memoranda, or expository or critical paper on any subject approved by the faculty member teaching it.

**Statutory Construction (2 units)**

A course that explores the use and force of statutes and the principles and methods of their construction and interpretation.

## **FIRST YEAR – SECOND SEMESTER**

### **Obligations and Contracts (5 units)**

An in-depth study of the nature, kinds and effect of obligations and their extinguishment; contracts in general, their requisites, form and interpretation; defective contracts, quasi contracts, natural obligations, and estoppel.

### **Constitutional Law II (3 units)**

A comprehensive study of the Constitution, the bill of rights and judicial review of the acts affecting them.

### **Criminal Law II (4 units)**

A comprehensive appraisal of specific felonies penalized in Book II of the Revised Penal Code, as amended, their nature, elements and corresponding penalties.

### **Legal Technique and Logic (2 units)**

A course on the methods of reasoning, syllogisms, arguments and expositions, deductions, the truth table demonstrating invalidity and inconsistency of arguments. It also includes the logical organization of legal language and logical testing of judicial reasoning.

### **Basic Legal Ethics (3 units)**

A course that focuses on the canons of legal ethics involving the duties and responsibilities of the lawyer with respect to the public or society, the bar or legal profession, the courts and the client.

## **SECOND YEAR – FIRST SEMESTER**

### **Property (4 units)**

The study of the different kinds of property, the elements and characteristics of ownership, possession, usufruct, easements or servitudes, nuisance, and the different modes of acquiring ownership.

### **Sales (2 units)**

An in-depth consideration of the provisions of the Civil Code on the contract of sale, its nature and form, the obligations of the vendor and the vendee, warranties, remedies against breach of contract, and conventional and legal redemption. The course includes assignment of credits and incorporeal rights, the Bulk Sales Law, and the Nationalization Law.

### **Criminal Procedure (3 units)**

A study of the procedural rules governing the trial and disposition of criminal cases in court including jurisdiction of courts in criminal cases.

### **Labor Law I (3 units)**

An introduction to Philippine Labor Laws and covers the Preliminary Title, Pre-Employment (Book I) and Migrant Workers and Overseas Filipino Act (R.A. 8042); Book II on Human Resources Development, and The TESDA Law (R.A. 7796) and the Magna Carta for

Disabled Persons (R.A. 7277); Book III on Conditions of Employment, including the special laws on 13th month pay, paternity leave, protection and welfare of women workers, sexual harassment, and child abuse; Book IV on Health, Safety and Social Welfare Benefits, including the law on the Social Security System, the Government Service Insurance System, and Phil Health.

#### **Agrarian Law and Social Legislation (2 units)**

A study of Presidential Decree No. 27, the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program and related laws and regulations, and the Special Security Act and the Government Service Insurance Act.

#### **Land Titles and Deeds (2 units)**

The system and method of registration of real property under Act 496 as amended by P.D. No. 1529 otherwise known as The Land Registration Decree including registration under Cadastral Law. It also includes registration of deeds involving registered property.

#### **Human Rights Law (2 units)**

Study focused on the aspects of protecting, defending and seeking redress for violations of human rights in the Philippines.

#### **Natural Resources and Environmental Law (3 units)**

A study of the constitutional provisions and special laws governing natural resources their use and disposition. The study includes existing laws protecting the environment and the ecosystem and prevailing rules against despoliation of the environment.

### **SECOND YEAR – SECOND SEMESTER**

#### **Civil Procedure (4 units)**

A study of the law on jurisdiction of courts in civil actions and Rules 1 to 71 of the 1997 Rules of Civil Procedure. These rules cover ordinary Civil Actions. Provisional Remedies and Special Civil Actions. The study of the rules is supplemented by a study of applicable jurisprudence.

#### **Negotiable Instruments (3 units)**

The course is a study of the statutory provisions governing negotiable instruments which is mainly the Negotiable Instruments Law, as well as the applicable provisions of the Code of Commerce.

#### **Credit Transactions (3 units)**

A study of the laws governing loans and deposits, including mortgages, pledge, antichresis, guaranty, sureties and other securities or collaterals.

#### **Labor Law II (3 units)**

Study of the general principles of the Labor Code, Book V of the Labor Code on Labor Relations, governing areas on government machinery, labor organizations, unfair labor practices, representation issue; collective bargaining and administration agreements, grievance machinery

and voluntary arbitration, lockouts, strikes and other concerted activities; Book VI on Post-Employment, covering areas such as classes of employees, termination of employment and retirement; Book VII on penal provisions of the Labor Code and prescription of actions and claims.

#### **Administrative and Election Laws (2 units)**

The course will first cover development and application of principles and doctrines governing administrative agencies with rule-making and adjudicative functions; then it will consider the laws and principles applicable to public officers; and finally, it will examine the law regulating the conduct of elections and the law on pre-proclamation contests and election protests.

#### **Public International Law (3 units)**

A study of the basic principles of international law and an overview of the legal principles governing international relations based, among others, on the United Nations Charter, the doctrines of well-known and recognized publicists, and the decisions of international tribunals and bodies.

#### **Alternative Dispute Resolution (2 units)**

A study of Republic Act No. 9285, the Alternative Dispute Resolution Act of 2004 including its Implementing Rules and Regulations; rules in Mediation, Conciliation and Arbitration.

### **THIRD YEAR – FIRST SEMESTER**

#### **Succession (4 units)**

A detailed examination and analysis of the law on testate and intestate succession, including wills, institution of heirs, computation of legitimes of compulsory heirs, disinheritance, and partition and distribution of the estate. The course also takes up rules of procedure on the settlement and administration of the estate of deceased persons.

#### **Agency, Trust and Partnership (3 units)**

A course combining the laws on Agency (Title X), Partnership (Title IX) and Trusts (Title V) of the Civil Code.

#### **Taxation I (3 units)**

The general principles of taxation and statutory provisions on income taxation, including pertinent revenue regulations.

#### **Transportation (2 units)**

A study of the general principles and basic regulations governing carriers (land, air and sea) of persons and goods.

#### **Insurance (2 units)**

A study of the Insurance Code and related laws, including the concept and function of insurance, the nature of the insurance contract, insurable interest, special forms of insurance and government regulations of the insurance business.

**Conflict of Laws (2 units)**

A course dealing with legal transactions with emphasis on the choice of law, including problems on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments.

**Legal Medicine (1 unit)**

An overview of the principles relating to medico-legal cases, including the procedure of presenting and examining a medical expert witness.

**Law Elective I - Copyright and Intellectual Property (2 units)**

A study of the Laws on Trademark, Patent, Copyright and Intellectual Creation.

**THIRD YEAR – SECOND SEMESTER****Evidence (4 units)**

A course which looks into the rules of presentation, admissibility, and weight and sufficiency of evidence, including burden of proof and presumptions.

**Corporation Law (4 units)**

A study of the Corporation Code and other special laws governing private corporations, including foreign corporations and the concept of doing business in the Philippines. The course includes in-depth analysis of the applicable common law and commercial principles underlying the various relationships in the corporate setting, with emphasis on the corporation being a medium for business enterprise and a means of providing for the equity investment market. The course includes the study of the pertinent provisions of The Securities Regulation Code.

**Taxation II (3 units)**

A study of the concepts and general principles of transfer (estate and donor's), tax, specific, business, percentage, amusement, and miscellaneous taxes provided for in the National Internal Revenue Code, including general principles on tariff and customs duties.

**Special Proceedings (2 units)**

A study of Rules 72-109 of the Revised Rules of Court dealing with the procedural rules on the settlement of estate, will, letters testamentary and administration, escheats, guardian-ship, appointment of trustees, adoption, change of name, cancellation and correction of entries in the Civil Registry and appeals in special proceedings.

**Torts and Damages (2 units)**

An analysis of the law on quasi-delicts as well as the nature, classes and extent of damages.

**Legal Forms (2 units)**

A course which trains students in the drafting of various legal documents and deeds, as well as judicial pleadings and briefs.

**Problem Areas in Legal Ethics (3 units)**

A course aimed at examining and resolving specific ethical problems and dilemmas which may confront lawyers in the exercise of the legal profession.

**FOURTH YEAR – FIRST SEMESTER****Constitutional Law Review (4 units)**

A general survey of constitutional law, including political law, administrative law, law on public officers and other related subjects.

**Civil Law Review I (4 units)**

A general integration of the principles in civil law covering the effects and application of laws, the law on Human Relations, Persons and Family Relations, Property, Ownership and its Modification, the Different Modes of Acquiring Ownership, including Succession; Pertinent provisions of special laws are also reviewed.

**Criminal Law Review (4 units)**

A general review of the Revised Penal Code with its latest amendments, as well as the other relevant penal statutes including pertinent jurisprudence.

**Remedial Law Review I (3 units)**

A general review of the laws on jurisdiction of courts and rules on civil procedure (Rules 1-71) of the Rules of Court and pertinent jurisprudence.

**Labor Law Review (2 units)**

A general review of all labor laws and related jurisprudence.

**Law Elective II - Collective Bargaining (2 units)**

An introduction to the collective bargaining process, negotiations, mediation, and arbitration as experienced in both the private and government sectors, with emphasis on practice.

**Practice Court I (2 units)**

Training on the preparation and drafting of complaints, petitions, answers and other pleadings, motions, briefs and other legal papers which are submitted to the court or other tribunals. It also deals with the art of effective oral advocacy.

**FOURTH YEAR – SECOND SEMESTER****Remedial Law Review II (4 units)**

A review of Criminal Procedural, Evidence and Special Proceedings and pertinent cases.

**Civil Law Review II (4 units)**

A general integration of the principles in civil law relating to obligation and contracts, sales, lease, quasi-contracts, quasi-delicts and damages, and other related subjects.

**Commercial Law Review (4 units)**

A comprehensive survey and review of the laws on partnership, agency, trusts, corporations, securities, secured transactions, negotiable instruments, insurance and transportation, and other related subjects.

**Legal Counseling and Social Responsibility (2 units)**

An introduction to the art and technique of legal counseling as well as consideration of the responsibilities of the lawyer as counselor.

**Practice Court II (2 units)**

Holding of court trials as if in Regional Trial Court, where the pertinent provisions of the Rules of Court are strictly observed. The professor prepares a complaint, an answer and reply. These pleadings shall constitute the records upon which the trial shall be conducted. The lawyers, litigants, and witnesses are all members of the class and the professor acts as judge. It is made obligatory upon the students acting as lawyers, to argue their cases orally immediately after the evidence is closed. This phase of the subject is important, because it cultivates in the students the habit of noting down or remembering the important facts and trains them in the art of arguing cases off-hand on the basis of the evidence presented. The judge renders his decision in writing. The class assumes that the case tried previously is brought to the Appellate Court. The professor in charge acts as the appellate judge. Members of the class are appointed to act as lawyers for the appellant and appellee who shall argue their case orally on the basis of the records prepared previously. The judge renders his decision.

**Law Elective III - Criminal Justice System (2 units)**

A study of the five pillars in the administration of criminal justice system namely: public, police, prosecution, judiciary and reformation.

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