

## SYLLABUS 2020-2021 Spring

<b>Course Code / Name</b>	IBF106 Introduction to Law
<b>Course Date</b>	Thursday, 10:00-13:00
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### Aim of the Course

One semester course designed to

- 1) teach roots and the genesis of the law,
- 2) teach legal traditions, functions and sources of the law
- 3) demonstrate public and private law division
- 4) teach the tort, the property, constitutional and administrative law
- 5) discuss on the law and morality and future of the law
- 6) teach mechanism of courts, judiciary and lawyers
- Requirements: Attendance, midterm exam, final exam

### Learning Outcomes

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

- Understand historical roots and genesis of the law,
- Understand Western and other legal traditions,
- Understand functions, and sources of the law
- Understand division and the branches of the law
- Explain mechanism of courts, judiciary and lawyers
- Discuss on the law and morality
- Discuss future of the law

### Weekly Course Schedule

Week	Topic
1	Law's Roots and the Genesis of Law
2	The Western and Other Legal Traditions
3	Functions and Ideal of the Law: Order and Justice
4	The Sources of the Law
5	Public and Private Law, Contract
6	Tort, Property, Constitutional and Administrative law
7	Law and Morality
8	<b>MID-TERM EXAM</b>
9	Law and Morality
10	Courts
11	Judges and Judiciary
12	Lawyers: Common and Civil
13	Future of the Law
14	Future of the Law
	<b>FINAL EXAM</b>

### Evaluation Methods and Tools

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Examinations will cover materials presented in the class such as classroom discussions, assignments, group projects, case studies, lectures, Power Point presentations, student experiences/ responses, Additional information provided and mentioned by the instructor during the courses can also be asked in examinations.

Unless announced otherwise, there will be a Midterm Exam, and a Final Exam. The grading will be:

- Midterm: %40
- Final Exam: %60

#### **Course Materials**

- Teaching procedures for this course will basically include Power Point presentations, exercises, case studies, class discussions, reading assignments and examinations.
- Power Point presentations in soft form will be given to students.
- Students are strongly advised to take notes during the course.

#### **Main Textbooks:**

Raymond Wacks, Law: A Very Short Introduction, New York: Oxford University Press, 2008.

#### **Method**

The instructor may use studies, lectures, questions and exercises from textbooks and articles. The course is taught in English.

#### **Class Participation**

- Students will improve their learning process by asking questions to better understand the concepts.
- Brainstorming, discussing with the instructor and classmates as a part of class participation are also ideal for effective learning. By the help of these activities, students will have a much better grasp of theories, principles and topics.

#### **Attendance Procedures**

- According to regulations, course attendance is obligatory. Students have to attend 70% of theoretical courses, 80% of practice, laboratory, workshop and studio works.
- Attendance is a significant and serious indicator of success in the course. Students are responsible for arriving class on time, following the flow of courses carefully and remaining in the class until the end of session.
- Course contents are tightly related, and sessions continue progressively. Thus, missing courses will negatively affect the overall achievement of students.

**Note:** In case you miss a class, please contact your instructor via e-mail and learn the contents mentioned in class. Also check if you have any assignments due for the Introduction to Law course. Even if you miss a class because of unexpected and involuntary reasons, make sure to cover the topics and catch up with your classmates. Late assignments are not accepted in general. The instructor will only accept late assignments if you have a special case.

#### **Academic Dishonesty**

Plagiarism will not be tolerated under any circumstance and no excuse will be accepted. If you ever use a source, cite it properly as seen above. Those quotation marks make a huge difference. Cheating (in Turkish “aldatmak”, “sahtekarlık”, “hile”) known as “kopya” is a serious and punishable act. We strongly recommend that you keep your benign reputation as IR student.

#### **Course Adjustments and Changes**

The course syllabus is an overall guide for the Introduction to Law class. Instructor reserves the right to make periodic and specific changes-adjustments to the syllabus, which can cover assignments, group projects, case studies, schedule, examinations, etc.