

Master of Criminal Law
Program code: 027030

INTRODUCTION

The Master of **Criminal Law** is a program that seeks to deepen the criminal culture of law students from the Graduate School, due to the importance and seriousness of the penal aspect in society where it affects its members in a serious way that requires in return full awareness of it, as it is the law that regulates the authority of society in the required Punishment and the application of the necessary measures in the face of each attack on the fundamental interests of individuals and the State both objectively and procedurally in such a way as to ensure the achievement of public and private deterrence.

According to the University Council decision dated 4/2/2007, Thesis students admitted with effect from September 2007 are exempted from the comprehensive examination.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

36 TOTAL COURSE CREDITS

15 COMPULSORY COURSES (3 credits each)

- 0270-501 Criminal law with in-depth
- 0270-502 Commercial Criminal law in depth
- 0270-503 Law of Criminal procedure with in-depth (1)
- 0270-504 Law of Criminal procedure with in-depth (2)
- 0270-505 Legal Research Approaches

12 ELECTIVE COURSES (3 credits each):

- 0270-511 International Criminal law with in-depth
- 0270-512 Environmental criminal law
- 0270-513 Medical Criminal law
- 0270-514 Media and Criminal law

9 COMPULSORY COURSES

- 0270-597 Thesis (0)
- 0270-598 Thesis (0)
- 2000-599 Thesis (9)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

0270-501: CRIMINAL LAW WITH IN-DEPTH CR: 3

This module explains criminal law in depth, focusing on key parts of the substantive, general rules of criminal law, such as the theory of crime and the theory of punishment from a comparative perspective. The study of general theories in criminal law will be linked to the jurisprudential comparative studies. This module also aims to link the theory to practice by analysing the current judicial attitudes regarding the theories of general part of criminal law. This module also explores comparative criminal legal issues from other jurisdictions, including issues from civil law and common law systems in a quest to link these issues to the domestic context.

0270-502: COMMERCIAL CRIMINAL LAW IN DEPTH CR: 3 PR:0270-501

This module addresses key aspects of two types of financial crime in the Kuwaiti law. The first type is the conventional financial crime that is stipulated in the special part of criminal law, such as bribery and influence peddling. The second type is the modern forms of financial crimes, such as corporate crime, financial market crimes, illicit enrichment and other financial crime related to competition and business. The focus of this module will be on the particularities of these types of crime in terms of their association with different branches of law.

0270-503: LAW OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE WITH IN-DEPTH (1) CR: 3

This module addresses the pre-trial criminal proceedings. It covers two main areas: policing stage (e.g. the role of police as a law enforcement agency, the provisions of detention, intelligence collection, etc) and criminal investigation (e.g. the role of public prosecutor, provisions of arrest, search, interrogation, testimony, pre-trial detention, remand). This module also depends on exploring comparative criminal procedures laws and judgments.

0270-504: LAW OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE WITH IN-DEPTH (2) CR: 3 PR:0270-503

This module focuses on several aspects of criminal trials. It addresses the structure and organisation of

criminal courts and how the criminal courts operate, including the key procedures followed before these courts. It also examines the different, key types of appealing verdicts in the legal system: retrial, before the court of appeal, and before the supreme court. The execution of criminal judgments is also part of this module. All these aspects are explored from the perspective of both Kuwaiti and comparative law.

0270-505: LEGAL RESEARCH APPROACHES CR: 3

The subject provides the means and methods of legal scientific research for students, in order to grant them the research skill that qualifies them to write legal researches required in the program and write master thesis. The scientific subject depends on the practical application, where a set of approved thesis and scientific research is reviewed regarding the structural description of scientific research, attributes and authenticates scientific references. Furthermore, the student is trained on the mechanisms of developing research plans and methods of reviewing the scientific content of research and scientific thesis.

0270-511: INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW WITH IN-DEPTH CR: 3

-Strategy: the methodology of the subject is linked to the same perception that is presented by a proposal of a comparative criminal law Subject, including a scientific link as possible, which is decided and adopted by the Master's Program Committee, which is responsible for setting an annual general perception of the subjects that the scientific subjects and the nature of the scientific content presented.

-Methodology: to present a highly qualified scientific content in an Subject of international criminal law, adopts the expanded concept of the master's program for the international criminal law adopted by the French school so that the specialization does not overlap with that of the Department of International Law, which proves the subject's penal orientation as a central subject offered by the scientific material.

0270-512: ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMINAL LAW CR: 3

This subject covers criminal legislation relating to

the protection of the environment in its various types and definitions. The study of criminal protection of the environment at the locally and international levels, the protected interest, the criminal policy relating to the environment, Moreover, the various criminality of the environment; Also, the mechanism of accountability of the natural and moral person for environmental violations and crimes; the elements of harm and danger associated with it. As well as exposure to jurisdiction over environmental crimes, organization of judicial control authorities and treatment of international environmental violations within and outside the territory of the State in the light of domestic, international and other legislation.

0270-513: MEDICAL CRIMINAL LAW
CR: 3

This module focuses on the medical responsibility from two perspectives: from the perspective of the general principles of the criminal responsibility and defences as stipulated in the Kuwaiti Criminal Law Act, and from the perspective of the Medical and Supporting Professions, the Rights of Patients, and Health Facilities Act 70/2020.

0270-514: MEDIA AND CRIMINAL LAW
CR: 3

This module examines the laws and regulations that govern media, including Press and Publications Act, Visual Media Act and Electronic Media Act. This module analyses these laws from a comparative perspective where regional and global laws are discovered. The significance of this module is derived from the fact that these laws entail unique criminal provisions that are different from the general criminal principles.

0270-597: THESIS
CR: 0 PR:0270-505

0270-598: THESIS
CR: 0

2000-599: THESIS
CR: 9