

Mission Statement

We are a Catholic institution of learning dedicated to advancing the frontiers of knowledge in the theoretical and applied fields through quality graduate education that is comprehensive and responsive to the needs of society.

We are committed to the formation of scholars and high-quality professionals who are ethical, competent, compassionate, and committed to the service of their respective professions, the church, the nation, and the global community.

Vision Statement

We envision a Graduate School that stands for excellence and innovation and that is globally recognized for its distinct degree programs and quality research outputs.

Goals and Objectives

The Graduate School commits itself to develop:

1. competent professionals who, inspired by the ideals of St. Antoninus of Florence, promote excellence in the production, advancement, and transmission of specialized knowledge and skills in the sciences, the arts, and community service;
2. scholarly researchers and creative thinkers who, kindled by St. Thomas Aquinas' ardour for truth, aspire to become fonts of intellectual creativity and, in their quest for quality research, are proficient and critical in assessing and communicating information in various fields that impact the professions, the church, the nation, and the global community;
3. professional Christian leaders who, touched by St. Dominic de Guzman's apostolic fire and warmed by Mary's motherly care, articulate ethics and truth, high level of moral maturity in resolving issues and promoting social justice and compassion for the poor, and care for the environment;
4. globally engaged citizens who, with ardent advocacy for life, promote a deeper understanding of tolerance and justice as well as linguistic, religious, and cultural diversities as a result of precise evaluation of modern problems and inquiries;
5. committed scholars who, nurtured by the dogmas of Christian faith and values, are dedicated to the pursuit of truth through the promotion of an intellectual culture that

values academic rigor and freedom of scientific investigations; and

6. lifelong learners who, empowered by St. Antoninus of Florence's zeal for learning, are committed to the advancement of a higher culture through a continuous search for intellectual inquiries and new knowledge as well as faithfulness to Catholic intellectual traditions.

CURRICULUM MASTER OF LAWS

PRE-REQUISITE COURSES: 6 UNITS

GS 500 - St. Thomas and Critical Thinking

As the philosophical foundation of Research Methodology, it is a study of the principles of skills in critical thinking according to St. Thomas Aquinas in the three areas of mental cognition: simple apprehension, judgment, and reasoning; and of common fallacies towards the acquisition of the art of argumentation.

GS 501 - Research Methods

The student is introduced to research concepts relevant to law. Discussions center on how to prepare a term paper first and last, how to prepare a thesis emphasizing choice of the title that provokes critical thinking, statement of the problem which necessitates the resolution of an issue, sources of data, the gathering of materials relative to the title, analysis and evaluation of information gathered among others. It will also include all methods of research including statistics. The course output is a thesis proposal.

CORE COURSES: 9 UNITS

LAW 600 - Foundations of Public and Private Law

The course will examine the rationale of many laws. It dwells on the development and history of the legal profession, and ultimately on the important aspects of law practice, the legal researches and modern technology tools used in law practice management and continuing legal education.

LAW 601 - Philosophy of Law

It is an in depth study of the moral principles of law and the rationale in the study of law. It likewise includes the purposes, goals or objectives on the study of law.

LAW 603 - Issues in Legal and Judicial Ethics

It is an exhaustive and analytical study of canons governing the practice of law, and critical study of the professional responsibilities of lawyers in the practice of law. It likewise includes an analytical study of ethical standards set for Judges and Justices on the discharge of their judicial functions.

SPECIALIZATION COURSES: 15 UNITS

LAW 701 - Labor and Social Legislations

It is an analytical study of the economic, sociological and legal bases of the reciprocal rights and responsibilities of capital and labor; analysis and evaluation of different labor laws and social legislations.

LAW 702 - Corporate Law and Corporate Rehabilitation

Corporate organization and management process of incorporation; stockholders rights and remedies; corporate problems; security act and trading; multinational corporation. It is also focused on the procedure on corporate rehabilitation.

LAW 703 - Legal and Tax Aspects of Business Organizations

It is a study of the legal problems of corporate and other business organizations in the light of the changing conditions in the evolving national economy of the country; study of the different taxes, withholding tax, customs and tariff duties. Local taxes and tax incentives. It includes the study of the general principles of taxation.

LAW 704 - International Humanitarian Law

Is a branch of International Law limiting the use of violence in armed conflicts by sparing those who do not or no longer directly participate in hostilities and limiting the violence to weaken the military potential of the enemy.

LAW 705 - Tenurial Instruments in the Philippines: Social and Constitutional Perspectives

A comparative study and analysis of the different systems of land ownership and registration (Public Land Act, CA No. 141; Cadastral Act, Act 2259; Property Registration Decree, PD 1529; Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law, RA 6657; and Indigenously Peoples Rights Act, RA 8371), and the evolution of laws, policies, systems, procedures and reforms to stabilize land ownership, prevent conflicts, promote social justice and enhance economic growth and development.

LAW 706 - International Law and Politics

It focuses on the relation of states to individuals as subjects of international law. It also includes the study of international law, study of international organizations, structures, and the flow of powers including the aspects of sovereignty and jurisdiction.

LAW 707 - Local Government and Enforcement of Anti-Gambling Laws

It is an extensive analysis of the functions, workings and operations of local government and the officials that operate the same, the term of offices, powers and duties of said officials. These local officials representing the local government are charged with the duty of enforcement and implementation of all anti-gambling laws.

LAW 708 - Southeast Asian Constitutions

It is a critical, extensive and exhaustive study of the constitutions of Southeast Asia considering the conflicts of the Philippines with a few of the Asian countries.

LAW 709 - Environmental Law and Climate Change

It is an analytical and critical study of all environmental laws of the Philippines and other countries of the world affecting the health and economic conditions of the people and thereafter a study of the relation of the environment to climate change considering the intermittent changes of weather conditions and the sudden occurrences of calamities like typhoons, floods, tornados, earthquake and other natural calamities without any preparation by the public at large and to recommend remedial measures to reduce or mitigate the effects.

LAW 710 - Alternative Dispute Resolution and Barangay Justice

It is an in-depth study of the Lupong-Tagapamayapa, before which conflicts/ troubles are amicably settled before filing the cases in court. It is mandatory that all civil cases irrespective of the amount be brought first before the Lupon for purposes of settlement. In criminal cases, there are instances when cases are not brought to the Lupon. In alternative Dispute Resolution, the Judges resort to mediation, conciliation and arbitration. In the court- annexed mediation, parties are obliged to settle their disputes through the aid of trained mediators.

LAW 711 - E-Commerce and Electronics Evidence

This subject deals with the provisions of E-Commerce and the introduction of Electronic Evidence in court.

LAW 712 - Writ of Amparo & Habeas Data & other related writs

This course deals on the rules governing the writ of Amparo, which institutionalizes an extra legal remedy protective of civil liberties specifically the right to life, liberty and security against their actual or threatened violation by public or private entities.

It likewise includes the study of the rule on the writ of Habeas Data which is a remedy available to any person whose right to privacy in life, liberty or security is violated or threatened by an unlawful act or omission of a public official or employee, or of a private individual or entity engaged in the gathering, collecting or storing of data or information regarding the person, family, home and correspondence of the aggrieved party. Other related legal remedies are likewise discussed and exhaustively analyzed.

LAW 713 - Anti-Human Trafficking Law as amended and Violence against Women and Children

It is a detailed critical of human trafficking and abuses or violations against women and children.

LAW 714 - Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act (R.A. 3019) and Plunder Law (R.A. 7080)

It is a critical analysis of all the criminal acts that fall under Anti-Graft and Corrupt practices act and a study of the penalties imposed therein including an analytical study of all the criminal acts that fall under Plunder Law and the penalties imposed thereto. It also includes the study of how public officials are prevented from stealing money from the government.

COGNATE COURSES: 3 UNITS

Any course related to thesis.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- Written Comprehensive Examinations (WCE)
- TW I - 3 units (Thesis Proposal)
- TW II - 3 units (Research Colloquium)
- TW III - 3 units (Thesis Defense)

Total = 42 Units

Summary of Program Requirements

Degree Requirements	units
Prerequisite Courses	6
Core Courses	9
Specialization Courses	15
Cognate Courses	3
Written Comprehensive Exam	--
Thesis Writing I	3
Thesis Writing II	3
Thesis Writing III	3
TOTAL	42

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