

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 DOCTOR OF CIVIL LAW

CORE COURSES: 9 UNITS

PHL 821 - Philosophy of St. Thomas Aquinas

An expository course of the essential philosophical teachings of the Angelic Doctor organized around the 24 fundamental theses of Thomism against the background of St. Thomas Aquinas' successful synthesis of Scholastic Philosophy, Biblical, and Catholic Tradition and Aristotelian Method.

PHL 822 - Philosophy of Human Person

An analytical study of contemporary Christian critique and synthesis of modern and contemporary philosophies of man, with background of philosophies of man from Ancient Greece, India, and China.

PHL 823 - Philosophy of Values

A survey exposition of the moral philosophies dating back from Socrates, Buddha, and Confucius to contemporary moral philosophies around a reflective critique of these in the light of contemporary Catholic moral thought.

SPECIALIZATION: 30 UNITS

LAW 801 - Estate Planning

This course is design to introduce the importance of estate planning as a tax-saving device. It includes the study of transfer taxes; the use of wills, trusts, gifts, and life insurance as tools of saving taxes; study of the problems of a business especially of closely held corporations; administrator of the estate; and some social problems such as second marriages and the children, incompetents, etc.

LAW 802 - Insurance Law of the Philippines

It is an in-depth study of the Insurance Law of the Philippines (Life, Accident, Health, etc.) and its amendments. It includes a comparative study of the insurance laws of the Philippines with other Asian countries.

LAW 803 - International Business and Economic Laws

This course aims to deepen the knowledge and understanding of students of the business laws with an opportunity to study substantial laws like the Omnibus Investment Act, Export Processing Zone Authority, Anti-Piracy Laws and Practices and recent jurisprudence affecting International business and economy, including the issues of contemporary legal significance that are being determined by the World Trade Organizations including the trade treaties entered into by our country.

The tax aspects, including tax treaties, and incentives given to investors in the Philippines especially those with businesses in the different economic zones will be covered.

LAW 804 - Criminal Justice

It is a critical and analytical study of the constitutional and statutory rights of the accused and those under investigation by the different agencies like the NBI, CIDG, the Ombudsman, the Prosecution Office, etc. Criminal Procedure; Evidence in Civil and Military Courts, circumstances affecting criminal liability and the five pillars of the Criminal Justice System and the role of each in decongesting the dockets of the court.

LAW 805 - Administrative Law Reform

This course deals on the principles and concepts of administrative machinery and proposed Codes of Crimes; detention and rehabilitation of prisoners, and suggested reforms.

LAW 806 - Constitutional Law Reform and Bill of Rights

This course deals on an exhaustive study of the powers of the Legislature, Executive and the Judicial branches of the government and the Independent Constitutional Commissions operating on the principles of separation of powers and of checks and balances and if reforms are to be introduced, students should write Congress about said amendments. It also focuses on the rights guaranteed by the constitution classified into civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights

enumerated in Articles III and IV of the constitution and if amendments be proper, congress should likewise be informed.

LAW 807 - Church and State Relations

It emphasizes on the principles of Church and State relations; common problems particularly relating to marriage annulment, divorce, legal separation, population control, education, religious freedom and temporalities.

LAW 808 - Civil Law Reform and the Family Code

This is a critical and analytical study of the controversial provisions of the Civil Code of the Philippines and the Family Code in the light of changing conditions and to introduce possible reforms or amendments in both laws. It will also dwell on the several amendments of the provisions of the Family Code.

LAW 809 - Air and Outer Space Law: Law and Political Aspects

A study of the Politics- legal nature of air and outer space as subjects of public and private international law, analysis of conventions and agreements in the use of air space and outer space, and their impact on Philippine Laws and jurisprudence.

LAW 810 - Human Rights

This is an in-depth study of the philosophical, theological and historical foundations of the constitution dealing on human rights. It likewise deals on the analyses of the provisions, their development and enforcement with focus on contemporary judicial interpretation and a comparative study of its provisions with the International Bill of Rights. It also includes the study of the philosophy of the provisions of the Philippine Constitution on the Bill of Rights and a comparative analysis therein with other countries.

LAW 811 - International Relations with Asia

It is an in-depth study of the international relations of the Philippines with Asia considering the many problems confronting both countries especially the ownership of the seas, near the shorelines of both countries together with the abundant natural resources therein. It includes the conduct of diplomacy and foreign policy, and impact of international affairs on policy development, natural security, strategic programs and power balance.

LAW 812 - Law on Intellectual Property

This is an analytical study of the different ways to protect intellectual property. It is focused on laws regarding copyright, trademarks, and trade names all other subjects emphasized in the Intellectual Property Code especially in the protection of intellectual property rights and Trade Related aspects of Intellectual Property System (TRIPS)

LAW 813 - Criminal Law Reform

It is a critical study of some criminal laws which need amendments or changes. It also deals on the analytical study of the penalties and fines imposed for possible reforms.

LAW 814 - Remedial Law Reform

It is an analytical and critical study of some remedial laws that need some amendments or reforms in the light of some recent circulars and issuances of the Supreme Court like the amendments of the laws on Civil Procedure especially on the use of the Judicial Affidavit Rule and others consisted with due process for purposes of speedy administration of justice.

LAW 815 - Probation and Parole and Restorative Justice

It is a study of the concept and history of probation and the operation of probation systems in other countries of the world with focus upon the Philippines Probation Law rules and regulations and similar statutes. It likewise deals on the process of bringing back to the fold of civilization the convicts who are willing to go back to the folds of the law after undergoing the cudgels of imprisonment by providing them with a possible means to cope with life anew.

LAW 816 - UNCLOS (United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea) and the New Baseline Law of the Philippines

This is an extensive and exhaustive study of the provisions of the United Nations Conventions on the Law of the Sea and the New Baseline Law of the Philippines (R.A. 9522).

LAW 817 - Anti- Money Laundering Law and other similar laws (R.A. 9160)

This is an intensive and exhaustive study of the salient features of law like criminalizing money laundering, creates a financial intelligence unit, imposes requirements on customer identification, record keeping and reporting of covered and suspicious transactions; relaxing strict bank deposits secrecy laws, providing for bank inquiry and freezing exparte petition/

seizure/ forfeiture/ recovery of dirty money/ property and providing for international cooperation. It likewise deals on the money laundering offenses and penalties.

LAW 818 - Maritime Law: Issues, Challenges and Implications

It is a body of law governing both domestic law relating to maritime activities, and private international law governing the relationships between private entities which operate vessels on the oceans. IT likewise deals with matters including marine commerce, marine navigation, shipping, sailors and the transportation of passengers and goods by sea.

LAW 819 - Protection of the Ancestral Domains of Indigenous Communities

It is a study of the distinct sociological concept of private ownership based on native title espoused by the Indigenous Peoples Rights Act (R.A. 8371) as juxtaposed in the jural precepts of state ownership of lands under the Regalian doctrine, and the development and philosophy or rationale of the constitutional mandate recognizing and promoting the rights of indigenous cultural communities within the frameworks of national unity and development.

COGNATE: (6 UNITS)

Any course which has a direct bearing on one's dissertation.

TERMINAL REQUIREMENTS: (9 UNITS)

Foreign Languages: (6 units) (non-credit)
Written Comprehensive Examinations (WCE)
DW I - 6 units (Research Proposal)
DW II - 3 units (Research Colloquium)
DW III - 3 units (Defense)

Total = 57 Units

Summary of Program Requirements

| Degree Requirements | units |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Core Courses | 9 |
| Specialization Courses | 30 |
| Cognate Courses | 6 |
| Foreign Language | (6) |
| Written Comprehensive Exam | --- |
| Dissertation Writing I | 6 |
| Dissertation Writing II | 3 |
| Dissertation Writing III | 3 |
| TOTAL | 57 |

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