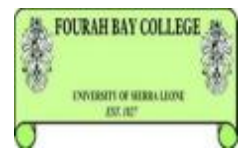




# FACULTY OF LAW HANDBOOK 2024







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## **INTRODUCTION**

This handbook is a second edition of the initial draft published in 2021 by LLB 1 students, Group eight (8). Over the years potential law students have had struggle to access ready information about the faculty including; courses, entry requirements, activities, assessment etc. it was for this reason that this handbook was created to serve as a catalogue of information and directives that will assist students of the Faculty go through their academic journey successfully. It serves as a *modus operandi* as well as an advisory on the do's and don'ts within the Faculty of Law. Moreover, it is in line with the University of Sierra Leone's initiative to elevate the Law Department of Fourah Bay College into a full-fledged Faculty. All what a student in the Faculty needs to know pertaining to the course program is enshrined therein.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

In the creation of this second edition, contributions came from the staff and students (current and past) as well as from some notable lecturers of the Academic Staff Association, FBC. To all of them we want to express our immense thanks.

We also want to thank the Dean of the Faculty of Law, His Lordship Dr. Binneh Kamara as well as the Head of the Department of Law; Dr. Emmanuel Saffa Abdulai Esq for their guidance in the creation of this work. We also appreciate the tremendous effort of our lecturer Mr. Rashid Dumbuya Esq whose help in the creation of this edition was exceptional.

The Faculty would like to singularly register appreciations to the Year One student particularly Group five (5) for serving as researchers and information gatherers for effective compilation of this handbook.

Additionally, we will also like to thank the previous researchers of the maiden edition LLB 1 Group eight (8) class of 2021 for their incredible efforts in compiling the first draft which was used as the blue print in the creation of this edition.

Finally, the Faculty would like to acknowledge the effort of the editing committee for their meticulous work in ensuring the accuracy and completeness of this edition.



## **WELCOME MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN'S DESK**

Welcome to the Faculty of Law at Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone. As Dean, it is my honor to introduce you to our esteemed Faculty and the vibrant academic community that thrives here. Our Faculty of Law is dedicated to fostering an environment of intellectual rigor, ethical practice, and social responsibility.

In these pages, you will find detailed information about our curriculum, programs, policies and the resources available to you as a student. Our mission is to equip you with the knowledge, skills, and values necessary to excel in the legal profession and to make meaningful contributions to society.

Our distinguished faculty members bring a wealth of experience and expertise, ensuring that your education is both comprehensive and transformational. We are committed to providing a supportive and inclusive learning environment where diverse perspectives are valued and critical thinking is encouraged.

As you embark on your legal education, I encourage you to take full advantage of the opportunities presented to you. Remember that academic success is the result of hard work and the taking of responsibility for your own learning. Academic staff and tutors serve as guides in your learning process, but ultimately your commitment and hard work will determine your success.

Thank you for choosing our Faculty of Law. We are excited to support you on this transformative journey and look forward to celebrating your achievements.

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**Dr. Abu-Bakarr Binneh Kamara**

**0o#Dean of the Faculty of Law**

## **SECTION 1**

### **ABOUT THE FACULTY OF LAW**

Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone, was founded in 1827, making it one of the oldest institutions of higher learning in West Africa. The Faculty of Law at Fourah Bay College,, holds a prestigious place in the history of legal education in West Africa, having started in the 1960s; it is marked as one of the oldest institutions of Law in the sub-region. Established with a commitment to excellence and social justice, the Faculty has been a cornerstone of legal scholarship and practice. Initially, it was a department under the Faculty of Social Sciences and Law but in 2021, it was transformed into a faculty of its own. Therein after the Faculty of Law has been an integral contributor to the development of the legal profession in Sierra Leone and beyond. Over the decades, it has produced over thousands of graduates who have gone on to become distinguished judges, lawyers, scholars, public servants and more, playing pivotal roles in the governance and legal systems both nationally and internationally.

### **MISSION**

The Faculty of Law, Fourah Bay College, and University of Sierra Leone is committed to providing a cutting-edge legal education with luster. We aspire to be nationally and internationally regarded as an academic center with the most extreme thirst for research and other academic endeavors. Our vision is to preserve a space within the highest strata of academia.

Furthermore, we are dedicated to sustainably contributing to the educational, economic, and professional development of the legal profession in Sierra Leone and by extension the globe. In fulfilling the abovementioned vision, this Faculty has the following MISSION:

- i. To become the leading academic center for producing high-quality graduates who can become leaders in legal practice.
- ii. To serve as the leading provider of sound theoretical legal teaching with an intensive emphasis on cutting-edge research and other academic cultivations.
- iii. To give birth to leaders with a task of contributing to the advancement of legal education, justice and the well-being of Sierra Leone and the globe at large.

### **CORE VALUES:**

1. We maintain an immeasurable thirst for excellence, as is evident in our academic staff's teaching, research, and publications.
2. We appreciate integrity in all our activities. As such, we are aware of our ethical responsibilities as educators and contributors in academia.
3. We nurture the principle of confidentiality in dealing with our customers and respect the law for exceptions to such principle.
4. We value discipline through the firm and fair application of codes, conduct and sanctions, where and when appropriate.
5. We guarantee academic freedom to our academic staff and students to enable the thriving of ideas and innovations.
6. We pride networking and partnership in our operations. To that end, we maintain exchange and transfer programs with other tertiary institutions with similar vision and goals.

7. We are a student focused Faculty and we demonstrate this through our response to student's needs and demands.

## **GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

Our specific goals for achieving the said values include:

### **For Policy**

- i. To promote compliance to the University of Sierra Leone's Policies on Teaching and Learning, Community Engagement and Research.
- ii. To appreciate the need for diversity and equity, and actively pursue opportunities in academia.
- i. iii. To encourage student participation in Faculty decision-making and programs.

### **For Teaching and Learning**

- i. To encourage a spirit of enquiry and intellectual curiosity amongst students.
- ii. To be enthusiastic, and caring about our students and student learning.
- iii. To ensure a professional approach to teaching and learning.
- iv. To exhibit expertise and be up-to-date in our fields of teaching.
- v. To maintain recruitment of excellent skilled lecturers that prides themselves in integrity and hard work.
- vi. To ensure the year-by-year drafting of course outcomes and learning expectations in a yearbook.
- vii. To involve student participation in reforms in learning within the Faculty.
- viii. To conduct regular course evaluations.
- ix. To encourage our students to take responsibility for their own learning.

### **For Research**

- i. To develop and promote a research culture amongst staff and students.
- ii. To value the importance of research output.
- iii. To publish regularly, and to attend conferences and deliver conference papers regularly.

- iv. To encourage collaborative research, and research that is responsive to the community.
- v. To enhance the research ability of students, especially at postgraduate level.
- vi. To regularly conduct research projects for publications.

### **For Community Engagement**

- i. To provide service-learning opportunities for every Law student.
- ii. To provide institutional support to the Law Clinic in its access to justice and community education work.
- iii. To integrate community engagement initiatives in teaching and learning as well as research.

### **LOCATION**

The Faculty of Law is located at the outskirts of the campus (north of the lower faculty) which is situated in Freetown, the capital city of Sierra Leone. It holds several classrooms, major lecture rooms (such as E.J Hall, New Hall and Chemistry Building), for learning and a dedicated law library, which offers a wealth of resources for legal research and studies. Additionally, the Faculty of Law garden provides a serene hangout spot for students to relax and socialize outside class.

### **DRESS CODE**

According to Section 54 (3), (4) of The Legal Practitioners Code of Conduct Rules, 2010 dress code, female legal practitioners may wear suits, trousers suits and dresses in either dark grey, navy blue or black. Male legal practitioners may wear suits, jackets or cut waistcoats in either dark grey, navy blue or black. Dresses or blouses should not be sleeveless and blouses should be of modest cut. The Faculty strongly encourages its students to adhere to this dress code when attending classes in preparation for the legal profession.

### **STUDENT I D**

Generally, all students are issued an identification card after full payments of fees and are expected to carry it along at all times especially during examinations.

### **MAJOR ACTIVITIES OF THE FACULTY (Will be Confirmed and tabulated)**

Orientation Day

Annual Football Gala

The Law Faculty Dinner

Annual Moot Court Competition

Law Society Elections

Annual Beach Fiesta and Inter-Games competition.

Annual Sports Meet

## SECTION 2

### THE FACULTY ADMINISTRATION

#### ACADEMIC STAFF

##### DEAN OF FACULTY

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Honorable Justice Dr. Abubakarr Binneh Kamara

Honorable Justice Dr. Abubakarr Binneh Kamara is a Judge of the High Court of Sierra Leone and the Dean of the Faculty of Law, Fourah Bay College University of Sierra Leone. He holds two PhDs in Law and lectures Jurisprudence and Legal Theory and the Law of Torts. He also supervises dissertations.

##### HEAD OF LAW DEPARTMENT

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Dr. Emmanuel Saffa Abdulai Esq is a practicing barrister and solicitor of the High Court of Sierra Leone. He is the Managing Partner, Abdulai and Associates, Luawa Chambers and an expert in criminal, civil, constitutional and human rights law. He holds an LLB, and an LLM, as well as a Master's degree in Anti-Corruption studies. Additionally, he has a Ph.D. in Democracy, Development and Rule of Law from the University of Stanford, United States. Dr. Abdulai lectures Constitutional and Administrative Law, Media Law, and Private International Law as well as supervises dissertations.

##### LECTURERS

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Mr. Francis Gabbidon Esq. is a former Ombudsman of the Republic of Sierra Leone and currently a practicing lawyer of over 43 years' experience. In the Faculty, he lectures Law of Evidence (a compulsory course in the final year of the LLB program) and International Law and Diplomacy.

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Mr. Roland Wright Esq. is a former head of the department of law. He has contributed immensely towards legal education in Sierra Leone. In the Faculty, he lectures Banking Law and International Trade Law.

**Justice Momoh-Jah Stevens**  
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Justice Momoh-Jah Stevens is a judge of the Court of Appeal of Sierra Leone. He lectures Mercantile and International Criminal Law as well as supervises dissertations in the Faculty.

**Commissioner Rashid Dumbuya Esq**  
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Rashid Dumbuya Esq is an International Human Rights Lawyer, and Former Commissioner of the Human Rights Commission of Sierra Leone, he is the Executive Director of Legal Link and an Associate Lecturer in the faculty. He holds the following qualifications: BA, LLB Hons, BL, LLM (UP), LLM (UK), Cert. Public Int Law (UP), and Fellow (CJCS). He is currently the undergraduate course coordinator for the faculty of law and the supervisor of law society. He has a practicing legal experience of (14) years and currently lectures Introduction-to-Law, Natural Resources Law and Policy, Anti-Corruption Law and Research at the Faculty. He was a recipient of the best lecturer of the faculty 2021 and best lecturer of Fourah Bay College 2023.

**Mr. Ronald Gidwani Esq**  
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Mr. Ronald Gidwani Esq. is a practicing barrister and solicitor of the High Court of Sierra Leone and holds an LLM degree in Human Rights Law. In the Faculty, Mr. Gidwani lectures Human Rights Law, Criminal Law and Procedure, Company and Partnership Law, and International Humanitarian Law as well as supervises dissertations.

**Mr. Anrite Thompson Esq.**  
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Mr. Anrite Thompson Esq is a practicing barrister and solicitor of the High Court of Sierra Leone and holds an LLM degree in Commercial and Corporate Law. In the Faculty, he lectures Commercial Law and Law of Contract as well supervises dissertations.

**Mr. Julius Nye Cuffie Esq.**  
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Mr. Julius Nye Cuffie Esq is a former member of the Sierra Leone Parliament and currently a practicing barrister and solicitor of the High Court of Sierra Leone. He holds an LLM degree and he currently lectures International Property Law and Constitutional History as well as supervises dissertations.

**Mr. James Momodu Forna-Sesay Esq****Insert Pic**

Mr. James Momodu Forna-Sesay is a Commissioner of Oaths and Notary Public and the course coordinator for the post-graduate law program. In the Faculty, he currently lectures the Law of Equity and Trusts and Procurement Law and supervises dissertations.

**Mr. Mohamed Lamin Tarawalie Esq.****Insert Pic**

Mr. Mohamed Lamin Tarawalie Esq. is Sierra Leone's current Attorney General and Minister of Justice. He holds an LLM degree and currently lectures the Law of Equity and Trusts and Arbitration Law, and also supervises dissertations. He also lectures at the Sierra Leone Law School.

**Mr. Sahid Mohamed Sesay Esq.****Insert Pic**

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**Mrs. Melinda Davies Esq.****Insert Pic**

Mrs. Melinda Davies Esq is a barrister and solicitor of the Superior Courts of Judicature of the Republic of Sierra Leone. She holds an LLM degree and served as a commissioner at the Independent Media Commission of Sierra Leone. She lectures Family Law, Land Law, Legal Research and Advocacy and Law of the Sea

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Mr. Mohamed Sheridan Esq is a barrister and solicitor of the Superior Courts of Judicature of the Republic of Sierra Leone and holds an LLM degree. He currently lectures Environmental Law and Commercial Law and supervises dissertations.

Dr. Tuma Adama Jabbie Esq

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Mrs. Tuma Adams Jabbie is the current chairperson of the board of Directors of the National Revenue Authority in Sierra Leone. She holds an LLM Degree in Law and lectures Revenue and Tax Law.

## **Honorable Justice Monfred Sesay**

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Justice Monfred Sesay is a judge of the Sierra Leone Court of Appeal, the principal state counsel for Bo district and the acting customary law officer of Sierra Leone. He lectures Introduction to Customary Law, and Sierra Leone Legal System, and he supervises dissertations.

## **Honorable Justice Vivian Margaret Solomon**

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She is a Judge of the Supreme Court of Sierra Leone with over 21 years' experience as a private legal practitioner in Freetown. She's specialized in both criminal and civil law. Her qualifications include a B.Sc., LLB, Degree of Utter Barrister and an LL.M. in Public International Law from the University of Cambridge. She lectures Public International Law.

## **Alfred Paul Juwah**

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Alfred Paul Juwah is a barrister and solicitor of the High Court of Sierra Leone. In addition to an LLB, he holds an LLM in International Trade Law, Investment and Business Law from the University of Western Cape Town, South Africa. He lectures Mercantile Law - Accounting.



# **Lecturers from other Departments lecturing in the Faculty of Law**

**His Worship Magistrate George Bobor Samai**

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Mr. George Bobor Samai Esq is a Magistrate in the Magistrate Court of Sierra Leone. He holds a Master of Philosophy degree. He is a lecturer at the Faculty of Arts, Department of Philosophy and currently lecturing Philosophy of Law in the Faculty of Law.

**Dr. Patrick Hindolo Walker**

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Mr. Patrick Hindolo Walker is the Head of the Department of Sociology and Social Work. He currently lectures Introduction to Sociology in the Faculty of Law.

**Reverend Gibrilla Kargbo**

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Reverend Gibrilla Kargbo is a lecturer at the Faculty of Arts, Department of Language Studies. He is currently lecturing Foundation Studies in the Faculty of Law.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**

### **ADMIN ASST LAW DEPARTMENT**

Mrs. Ballay Kargbo

### **LIBRARY STAFF**

#### **MAIN LIBRARY HEAD OF PERIODICAL COLLECTIONS FBC LIBRARY**

Mr. Prince Lahai

#### **LIBRARIAN**

Mr. Donald Rogers Esq.

#### **SUPPORT STAFF OF TEXTBOOK COLLECTION**

**Aminata Tarawally**

**Alusine Sesay**

#### **FACULTY OF LAW LIBRARY STAFF**

LIBRARY ASSISTANT (iii)

**Abu Bakarr Kamara**

LIBRARIAN 1 (Roman Figure)

**Mr. Donald Davies Esq.**

## **LIBRARY**

Mrs. Julian Wright  
Mrs. Winifred Williams

## **COURSE COORDINATORS**

Undergraduate Course Coordinator

**Rashid Dumbuya Esq**

Post-Graduate Course Coordinators

**James Monro Fomah Sesay Esq.**

## **COLLECTIONS FDC**

## **VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS IN THE FACULTY OF LAW**

Department of Human Rights and Criminal  
Justice

Department of Jurisprudence and Constitutional Law

Department of Commercial and Corporate Law

## SECTION 3

### LEGAL INFORMATION DEPOSITORY

#### MAJOR COMMUNICATION CHANNELS USED BY THE FACULTY TO COMMUNICATE WITH STUDENTS

The Faculty primarily communicates with students through various channels, including press releases, bulletin notices, emails, programs and press conferences. Additionally, each level has a general WhatsApp group, and there is also to the Law Society WhatsApp group. Information about the Faculty can also be accessed through the USL website, this handbook, or the Law Society website [www.usl.edu](http://www.usl.edu).

#### 1. FOURAH BAY COLLEGE MAIN LIBRARY (Include Pic)

The Fourah Bay College Main Library is a reference Library. It stands east of Kennedy Building, west of Amphitheatre and north of Mary Kinsley. It is a storied building with each quarter serving distinct functions:

**Ground Floor:** This contain an area for studying and referencing, shelves for authored books, an American Corner and a small business center with printers, photocopying and scanning facilities.

**First and Second Floors:** These provide additional study spaces and shelves stocked with hardbound books and articles.

**Third Floor:** This holds spontaneous studying areas, shelves of hard authored books and articles. It plays host to a lot of studying materials, hard high-quality journal articles, dissertations, theses, and textbooks. Additionally, it features an ICT centre, equipped with computers and digital resources for research and study.

It is a reference library and maintains a reception at its main entry point with receptionists tasked with requesting for flexible containers and library cards from users to be repositied for collection after use of the library.

#### 2. THE FACULTY OF LAW LIBRARY

The Faculty of Law Library is situated at the basement of the main building of the former law Department- at the outskirt of the campus (North of Lower Faculty). It is a lending library for law students. It has internet service and shelves of hard authored books on many areas of the law, law reports, collections, case law collections and dissertations of former students.

The library is equipped with a cubicle for studying. Such cubicle is a comfortable, quiet area with individual study chairs.

### **3. HOW TO FIND LAW MATERIALS IN THE LIBRARY**

#### **i. PHYSICAL**

Library authored books, articles, dissertations, and other academic materials are shelved into categories.

#### **FOR THE MAIN LIBRARY**

##### **a. Book Collection**

The books are arranged in disciplines/subjects according to the Library Classification System. All books from the main library are shelved according to title. The student needs to ask the Librarians for any specific book that their personal search would not have discovered. As a reference library, books on the open shelves may not be taken out of the library by students.

##### **b. Periodical Collection**

The library holds printed copies of Sierra Leonean and foreign journals and collections of old and new newspapers. These collections are mostly found in the first and second story of the library. With the free internet provided by the library, students have access to many electronic resources, including digital journal repositories through their phone or personal computers.

##### **c. Dissertations and Theses**

The library has print copies of undergraduate dissertations and postgraduate theses of alumni across departments and faculties. They are arranged into collections and can be located mostly at the first and second storey of the library.

##### **d. Past Questions Collection**

The library holds print copies of past questions for all modules at the College. These collections are mostly found in the first and second story of the library at the desks of all the Librarians at those sections. To access them, one asks those librarians for their location and an access for either photocopying or reading within the library is given.

#### **For the Faculty of Law Library:**

##### **a. Book Collection**

Books hosted in this library are purely on law. They are arranged by modules according to the department of Law.

**Classification System:** All books from criminal law are catalogued in a cubicle of the shelf for publication. The student is to personally go through the display or ask the librarian to see if a

particularly book is available. As a lending library, students may take books out by prior arrangements with the librarian.

### **b. Undergraduate Dissertation**

The library holds print copies of the alumni of the former department of Law. They are however in separate shelves and arranged according to specific year of the LLB program

### **c. Collections of primary legal resources (law reports and Sierra Leonean case law collection)**

The law reports from England maintain printed copies at the library, and they are shelved into separate slots. The library also has a separate cubicle for hosting printed copies of case law collections from the High Court of Sierra Leone-which are published works with no reporting reference.

## **OTHER CHANNELS**

### **ii. Electronic Sources**

**To Find Law Reports, Articles, Journals, Cases or Literatures (see these websites)  
Verify each and Provide appropriate links**

Google search engine (google.com)

Google scholar - <http://scholar.google.com>

Academia.edu - <https://www.academia.edu/>

ChatGPT - <https://chatgpt.com/>

ResearchGate - <https://www.researchgate.net/search>

Sierra Leone Legal Information Institute (Sierralii) <https://sierralii.gov.sl/>

Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria website - <https://www.chr.up.ac.za/>

AfricLaw website - <https://africlaw.com/>

South African Legal Information Institute (SAFLI) - <https://www.saflii.org/>

African Union website - <https://au.int/>

European Union website - [https://european-union.europa.eu/index\\_en](https://european-union.europa.eu/index_en)

ECOWAS Court of Justice website - <http://www.courtecowas.org/>

East African Community website - <https://www.eac.int/>

South African Development Community website - <https://www.sadc.int/>

United Nations Office of the High Commissioners for Human Rights website - [https://www.ohchr.org/en/ohchr\\_homepage](https://www.ohchr.org/en/ohchr_homepage)  
[www.un.org/](http://www.un.org/)

African Commission on Human and Peoples Rights website - ([www.achpr.org](http://www.achpr.org)) .

### **To find Legislations and Reference Works**

**Verify each and Provide appropriate links**

Sierra Leone Web - <https://www.sierra-leone.org/links2.html>

Centre for Accountability & Rule of Law Website - <https://carl.org.sl/>

Sierra Express Media website - <https://sierraexpressmedia.com/>

Sierra Leone Parliament website - <https://www.parliament.gov.sl/>

Judiciary of Sierra Leone website - <https://www.judiciary.gov.sl/>

Business and Human Rights Resource Centre website - <https://www.business-humanrights.org/en/>

LEGAL LINK Whatsapp forum/ Facebook page -

The LAW SOCIETY Website - <https://lawsocietyfbc.wordpress.com/>

## **SECTION 4**

### **STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS**

#### **THE LAW SOCIETY, FBC**

The Faculty of Law Society or FBC LAW SOCIETY“ is an academic society comprising of students in the Faculty, as established by the LAW Society’s Constitution. The Law Society is charged with the responsibility of serving as a link between students of the Faculty and the Administration, catering for students' interests and needs; and organizing student-centered activities such as the annual LAW SOCIETY Moot Court Competition, Dinner, Beach Fiesta and Inter-Games competition. The society has a website (<https://lawsocietyfbc.wordpress.com/>) launched in 2020 under the administration of President Mohamed Wurie Bah, with the aim of enhancing students' learning experience within the Faculty.

The LAW SOCIETY is funded by students Society's subscription paid upon their admission in the Faculty. Funds can also be received from alumnus, donors and goodwill ambassadors.

The most recent past president of the law society is Bintu Bangura who served for the 2022/23 academic year.

#### **ELECTIONS**

Law Society Elections are usually held towards the end of the academic year after the expiration of one year tenure of each executive.

#### **LAW SOCIETY & FINALISTS FAREWELL DINNER**

This is one of the social events organized by the LAW SOCIETY every year. Its organization sits now as a convention and includes a night to dine and wine with fellow students and lecturers. It is also a night to celebrate and award best students within the faculty and also bid farewell to the final year graduating students. To organize it, the Law Society Executive solicits a reasonable attendance fee from every student in the faculty through the selling of tickets

#### **EXECUTIVE POSITIONS OF THE LAW SOCIETY**

- PRESIDENT
- VICE PRESIDENT
- SECRETARY GENERAL
- ASSISTANT SECRETARY-GENERAL
- ORGANIZING SECRETARY
- TREASURER
- FINANCIAL SECRETARY
- PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

## **AUREOL LAW REVIEW**

The Aureol Journal of Law and Policy otherwise known as Aureol Law Review is a Student Chapter-run review with an aim to showcase publications on legal knowledge. The Journal is also an association made up of its administrators. As a journal within the faculty, it aims to enhance legal research and publication within the faculty. Its team of administrators forms a vibrant technical force within the faculty for the rolling out of academic programs like moot court and other forms of legal debates.

## **THE LAW SOCIETY LEGAL CLINIC**

This is an ongoing student-chapter program born by the LAW SOCIETY and supervised by law lecturers of the faculty. It is principally designed for the third and final year students in the LLB program. Its intent include amongst other things to place its beneficiaries into internship and unpaid work programs across the country and to provide a platform for the selection of students for a weekly public outreach on the Law.

## SECTION 5

### COURSES

#### 1. POSTGRADUATE STUDIES:

##### i. LLM

The Faculty launched its LLM program on the 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024, marking a significant milestone in its history. Over 50 students including various professionals have been shortlisted such as lawyers, judges, politicians, professionals, journalists and civil right activists. The program is open to both lawyers and non-lawyers. The LLM is neither an entrance requirement for law school nor does it transform the holder as a lawyer by its conferment.

The program runs for two years, including both taught and research components, with reasonable fees compared to other African universities. Classes will be held both in the evenings and virtually, starting at the end of July 2024. The program is fully accredited by the Tertiary Education Commission and approved by the University Senate.

##### A. LLM SPECIALIZATIONS

LLM in Constitutional Law

LLM in Human Rights Law

LLM in Criminal Law

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:** Admission into the LLM program requires either a degree in Law (LLB or equivalent from any country) or any other relevant degree.

##### ii. POST-GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN LAW

iii. This is a future pathway course for those with a weaker LLB degree (an LLB that does not contain pass marks in the core modules for Law School), though not limited to this particular type of applicant. It will contain a modular structure- that offers the opportunity for weaker LLB graduates to make for failed modules in their LLB program. Its registration runs for a year and comes with mini-thesis writing and other coursework

#### 2. UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES IN LAW:

##### i. LLB Honours Degree in Law

Pursuant to section 10 of the Legal Practitioners Act, the LLB degree from this Faculty is one of the academic qualifications for practicing law in Sierra Leone. To that end, the LLB program which runs for four years, is designed to meet the Sierra Leone Law School qualification standards as set out in the Council of Legal Education Act 1989.

##### ii. Entry Requirements

###### **Degree-Holding Applicants**

Candidates applying with a first degree must have an Honours Degree (1<sup>st</sup> Class, 2nd class) or better in any discipline, along with a very good WASSCE/GCE 'O' level (5 Credits) with a minimum of C5 in English Language and across all other remaining four (4) related subjects.



Candidates with a General Degree (Division 1) must also have a WASSCE result with a minimum of C5 in English Language and a C4 in the remaining four (4) related subjects.

### **WASSCE Certificate Applicants**

Candidates applying with a WASSCE must have five WASSCE/GCE 'O' level credits, with a minimum of B3 in English Language and C4 in the other remaining four (4) related subjects.

### **ADMISSION PROCESS**

The Faculty of Law at Fourah Bay College receives over one thousand (1,000) applications per year, making the admission process highly competitive. Admission into the Faculty of Law requires eligible candidates to first submit an application through the student portal. This application often spans the periods June to August each year. Prospective students are shortlisted by October or late November and contacted via email. The list of shortlisted candidates is usually posted publicly. The academic year often commences in December.

Shortlisted candidates must then undergo a rigorous and highly competitive interview process, which often lasts for two days. This interview is conducted by lecturers of the faculty, who make recommendations on which candidates to admit.

Successful candidates are listed in a final published list. Additionally, they are required by the university to pay their full tuition fees upon entry into the program.

### **B. COURSES OFFERED IN THE LLB PROGRAM PER YEAR (Put in Tabular form, including credit hrs (see sample on the law society website). Also, distinguish BTW core and electives modules**

Ser.	LLB 1	LLB 2	LLB 3	LLB 4	Remark
1.	Introduction to Law	Criminal Law	Labour and Social Security Law	Evidence Law	All modules are 3 Credit Hours
2.	Commercial Law	Criminal Procedure	International Criminal Law	Law of Jurisprudence	
3.	Human Rights Law	Contract Law	Procurement Law	Company Law	
4.	Philosophy of Law	Sierra Leone Legal System	Law of Tort	International Trade Law	
5.	Introduction to Sociology	Constitutional Law	Land Law	Family Law	
6.	Foundation Studies	International Human Right Law	Equity and Trust	Public International Law	

7.	Customary Law	Environmental Law	Mercantile Law	Intellectual Property Law	
8.		Legal Research	Tax or Revenue Law	Procurement Law	
9.		Media Law	Arbitration Law	Dissertation	
10.		International Criminal Law	Banking Law		
11.			International Human Right Law		

**NB**

**Foundation Studies is optional for graduates who had previously offered the module in year 1 of their first degree.**

## **ii) DIPLOMA, CERTIFICATES & SHORT COURSES**

This Faculty offers various short courses in law, Certificate in Legal Studies (CEF), and Diploma in Legal Studies (DLS)

### **i. UNDERGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN LEGAL STUDIES**

The Faculty offers an Undergraduate Diploma in Legal Studies on a full-time basis. The program runs for two years and confers no qualification for legal practice. However, students who enroll for this program also take part in legal research activities and publications which provide training in the use of legal information resources and research.

### **ENTRY REQUIREMENT**

- i. GCE O'Level/GCSE/WASSCE with 4 credits including English Language.
- ii. Admission through WASSCE / GCE O' Level result (4 Credits including English Language)
- iii. Candidates who have already completed the Certificate in Legal Studies are eligible to apply.
- iv. Any short course with a 2.25 cumulative grade point average.

## ADMISSION PROCESS

- v. Both Diploma and Degree applicants must undergo the same admissions process for entry into the Faculty.

### MODULES/COURSES OFFERED FOR DIPLOMA

No	Diploma 1	Diploma 2	Remarks

Family Law  
Company Law  
Criminal Law  
Civil Dispute  
Resolution  
Human Rights Law  
Contract Law  
Copyright,  
Trademarks and  
Allied Rights

### TRANSITION FROM THE DIPLOMA TO LLB PROGRAM

Candidates with a diploma in law are eligible to apply for the LLB program. Those who achieve a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.5 upon completing the diploma and wish to proceed to the degree program will be directly admitted to LLB 2.

#### ii. CERTIFICATE IN LEGAL STUDIES

This is a one year Law program offered by the Faculty. Its content includes an introductory aspect of legal studies and a convenient course structure. The program prepares one for complex legal environment and can be used by many as a preparation ground to venture into the faculty's diploma or degree course.

#### **ENTRY REQUIREMENT**

- b. A GSCE/WASSCE with 3 credits including English Language.
- iv. Admission through WASSCE / GCE O' Level result (3 Credits including English Language)
- v. Candidates who have already completed any short course with a 2.25 cumulative grade point average are eligible to apply.

## **TYPES OF COURSES OFFERED**

Mining Law  
Labour Law  
Contract Law  
Taxation Law  
Criminology and  
Criminal Justice  
International  
Human Rights Law  
Humanitarian Law  
Procurement Law

### **iii) SHORT COURSES**

These are part-time courses that the Faculty runs for a period between 3 and 6 months registration. They are specialized courses for beginners. As such, they target the police, military, paralegals, CEOs, bankers, prosecutors, non-lawyers, auditors and public officials. The coursework is flexible and practical and the fees are low. Evening classes are entertained and attendance is required only for 6 hours per week.

## **TYPES OF SHORT COURSES OFFERED**

Law, Policing and Human Rights  
Cyber Law Policy and Security  
Human Right and Justice Systems  
Procurement Law  
Mineral Law Studies  
Intellectual Property and Licensing

## **ENTRY REQUIREMENT**

- i. Pass an Eligibility Test to be set by the Dean of Faculty
- ii. A GCSE/ WASSCE (3 Credits including English or above)

### **1. ORIENTATION PROGRAMME**

Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone, the ‘mother of the Faculty’ maintains a compulsory Orientation program for all freshmen. Such should be paid for, as part of the admission charges. It is normally organized at Amphitheatre and embraces a work-shop like event.

The Faculty has also embraced a one-day orientation program in addition to the general Orientation by the College. It is conducted on different days for the different programs in the Faculty.

Its objective include amongst other things to additionally help new intakes become familiar with the Faculty environment, the rules, regulations and administrative set up of the Faculty. Candidates are introduced to the use of Faculty facilities, lines of communication, teaching staff and learner support services to make their transition as smooth as possible in this event.

To attend the orientation, an SMS message is sent to all freshmen with Acceptance Letter two days before the start of official classes. The attendance to this event is compulsory and all new intakes will be required to pay a fee immediately after receipt of Acceptance Letter.

## **2. DEFERMENT OF COURSE PROGRAM**

Students may defer their course program subject to written approval granted by the University Administration. Students can only defer a course after payment of 50% tuition fees.

## **3. CHANGE OF PROGRAMS AND COURSES**

Change of program may be allowed upon justification and approval by the Dean and subject to meeting the core requirements of the new course intended.

## **SECTION 6**

### **ACADEMIC SUPPORT BY THE FACULTY**

The Faculty maintains many support programs to help students with their academic coursework. The support programs include:

#### **1. TUTORIALS (INSERT PICS)**

This is run by the Law Society Executive and they are responsible to appoint the Director of Tutorials with a responsibility to steering the affairs of tutorials in the Faculty.

The Director of Tutorials normally runs these tutorials for free. However, some charges for needed facilities are mostly on the candidates. Attendance at tutorials is not usually compulsory but students are encouraged to attend as they help to augment the effort of the lecturers and helping candidates understand the modules.

#### **2. ACADEMIC COUNSELLING PROGRAM**

This is maintained by the college and currently headed by Dr. Fatou Taqi. Its aim is to give counseling to students who have academic challenges during their program, or other challenges like sexual harassment from fellow students or lecturers. The Faculty also provides counseling opportunities as demanded by students.

#### **3. SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

The Faculty has a non-discrimination policy for students with disabilities. Persons with disabilities (PWDs) are prioritized in the application process and throughout the course. Their welfare is supported through the Students with Special Needs Association. According to the Disability Act of 2011, in Sierra Leone, PWDs are entitled to free tertiary education.

#### **4. INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

The Faculty maintains an international exchange programs through its moot court programs.

#### **5. MOOT COURT DEBATES AND COMPETITIONS (INSERT PICS)**

This activity is one of the most fruitful academic programs for the Faculty. It is frequently organized by the LAW SOCIETY. Through this platform, students are given an opportunity to compete at the national and international stage and also visit international universities for an exchange experience, albeit for a short while.

The competition is organized both in-house and with others. As an event itself, it simulates a court hearing (usually an appeal against a final decision), in which participants analyze a problem, research the relevant law, prepare written submissions, and present oral arguments. Moot problems are typically set in areas of law that are unsettled or that have been subject to recent developments. They usually involve two grounds of appeal, argued by each side.

The procedure imitates what obtains in real courts: the judge enters, the mooters/mooties and the judge bow to each other, the clerk announces the matter, the mooters give their appearance and are then called on in turn to present their submissions. The judge asks questions of the mooters, the court adjourns, and the judge then returns to deliver a brief judgment and some feedback.

Law students also participate in various external competitions, including the Inter-departmental Public Speaking, Debate, and Writing Competition by the Sierra Leone Debating Council (SLDC). Other notable competitions include Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition and the African Human Rights Moot Court Competition.

**SECTION 7**  
**ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT**

**ESSAYS, ASSIGNMENTS AND OTHER COURSE WORK**

**1. GUIDELINES FOR POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA**

**i. MINI THESIS**

Post Graduate Diploma in Law (PGDL) candidates are required to submit a mini thesis at the end of the second semester. Such contributes 30% to their total GPA at completion. It is a research work of high standard.

These are the following Guidelines:

- A. The length of the thesis includes 3000- 4000 (or approximately 5 pages), including footnotes
- B. The general Faculty Guidelines about preparation, referencing and plagiarism will apply to this thesis
- C. This thesis is to be submitted on A4 paper, and the lines one-and-a-half spaced, with footnotes, according to the faculty's referencing style.
- D. The research proposal must be in a page.
- E. It is to be submitted electronically by the candidate to the Advisor's email

Schedule includes:

- A. All candidates are required to send in a research topic on any area within their program to their various Heads of Department by the first day of the second semester.
- B. Heads of Department are required to approve or reject topics and assign Advisors to candidates two weeks after receipt of all topics from all students within the program
- C. Candidates are to send in research proposal to their advisors two weeks after approval of their topics and assignment to advisors.
- D. Advisors are to meet with candidates to discuss plan of actions of the research one week after receipt of proposal.
- E. Candidates are required to meet with their Advisors at least once a month in the three months of the research
- F. During the exercise, candidates are required to update course Coordinators on the progress they make with their research.
- G. A complete written research work is to be submitted to the Advisor and the External Examiner a day after the start date of the month after.



H. Save in exceptional circumstances no extension of any of the time limits will be entertained.

## **ii. ASSIGNMENTS**

All PGDL candidates are to do assignment from lecturers after every class (to be graded by the lecturer). Each of those assignments is to be combined at the end of the semester to account for 70% of the total grade of a coursework per semester.

## **iii. ASSIGNMENT GUIDELINES**

- A. Assignments must be done with a Faculty of Law cover page (which includes one with Student number, Subject, Lecturer/Tutor, Due Date and the Assignment.) Text should have a Times New Roman or Calibri font, 12 in size and line spacing of 1.15.
  - B. Work submitted without this page will not be marked
  - C. The University policy on plagiarism applies in this situation, as well
  - D. Assignments are due on the date and at the time stipulated by the lecture rfor the course.
  - E. Late assignments will have 20 %deducted from the total grade received
- D. The candidate must submit the final copy of his/her research essay typed and emailed to their lecturers.

The schedule for completion of the essay includes:

- A. The candidate is required to submit a research proposal to the lecturer one week after the completion of the course.
- B. The proposal should include a provisional title and should describe the nature of the research problem to be investigated and the provisional goals of the research
- C. The lecturer is required to give his approval or rejection to such proposal within two weeks after receipt.
- D. In circumstance of approval, the candidate is required to write the essay within a month

E. In circumstance of rejection, the lecturer states reasons; the candidate goes by such reason and do a resubmission within a week after his receipt of the rejection.

## **2. GUIDELINES FOR LLM**

### **i. THESIS RESEARCH**

LLM candidates are required to complete a research thesis at the end of their second year. They also write a research essay for every coursework in a semester and submit to their lecturers. The Research Essay, where applicable counts for 70% of the coursework per semester. The essay should be analytical, rather than merely expository. Because of the high academic standards expected of the work, students are given a month after the total lecture of a coursework to finish the Essay.

Please note the following guidelines:

- A. The length of the essay is to be approximately 3000 – 4000 words (or approximately 5 pages), including footnotes.
- B. The essay is expected to be of a standard fit for publication in an academic law journal. The general University's Guidelines about preparation, referencing and plagiarism will apply to the essay.
- C. the Research Essay must be submitted on A4 paper, and the lines one-and-a-half spaced, with footnotes, according to the University's referencing style

## 4. GUIDELINES FOR DIPLOMA IN LEGAL STUDIES

### i. RESEARCH REPORT

DLS candidates are required to aid a specific lecturer (to be allocated to them by their Head of Department) in a research for the publication of a paper on law in the rest of the six months remaining in their two years course. After such research, they are required to submit a report of their experience a month after the research to be submitted and graded by their lecturers. The whole process accounts for 50% of their cumulative GPA after completion.

#### The Guidelines include:

- A. Reports by candidates are to be submitted on A4 paper typed, and the lines one-and-a-half spaced, with footnotes, according to the University's referencing style (if referencing is necessary).  
B. A clear and concise project and a copy of the research project and the content and quality of the report should be project and a copy of the research project and the content and quality of the report should be project and a copy of the research project and the content and quality of the report should be

## 5. GUIDELINES FOR LLB DEGREE COURSE

### ASSIGNMENT OR TEST

Assignment or test in the LLB program is part of the Continuous Assessment amounting to 30%. The exams are assessed over 70%. Lecturers in the LLB programme are bound to include the Continuous Assessment in arriving at the overall grade.

### GRADING SCHEME

Examinations at the faculty are graded according to the University's policy on examination. The marking of exam scripts often involves two stages: first by the lecturer, followed by a second marker.

### CALCULATION OF GRADE POINT AVERAGE

The calculation of the grade point average for a semester in a coursework includes:

#### For POST- GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN LAW:

Attendance	Assignments in a Coursework Combined	Total	Total GPA for completion
30% per semester	70% per semester	100% per semester	Mini-thesis to count to 30% of the GPA for completion
			Semester Grades to counts to 70% of GPA for completion

**For LLM:**

Research Essay in a Coursework for Candidates	Exams for Candidates	Total	Thesis Writing for Second Year Candidates	Total GPA for Completion	
70% per semester	30% per semester	100% per Semester	100%	Addition of both semesters	

**For CERTIFICATE IN LEGAL STUDIES:**

Assignments in a Coursework combined	Exams	Total	Total GPA for completion
70% per semester	30% per semester	100% per semester	Addition of both semesters

**For Diploma in LEGAL STUDIES:**

First Semester Exams	Second Semester	Total GPA for completion
100%	100%	Addition of both semesters to account for 50%
		Research Project and Writing to account for 50% of the GPA

**For LLB:**

Exams	Continuous Assessment (to include Assignments, tests, Attendance, Participation)	Total GPA for Completion
70% per semester	30% per semester	Addition of both semesters in the four years with an allocation of 10% for the first year, 20% for the second year, 30% for the third year and 40% for the final year.

## **SECTION 8**

### **ASSESSMENT ISSUES**

#### **LEAVE OF ABSENCE IN EXAMINATIONS**

Students must have a written permission to be absent from exams.

#### **PROCESSING OF EXAMINATION RESULTS**

The Exams Department of the university is wholly responsible for the processing of exams results from the faculty.

Lecturers submit their grades to the Dean of Faculty, and he forwards them to the Exams Office for publication periodically with the following Grade interpretation:

**A 70% and above**

**B+ 65-69%**

**B 60-64%**

**B- 55-59%**

**C+ 50-54%**

**C- 40-45**

**C 46-49%**

**D 35-39%**

**E 30-34%**

#### **EXAMINATION MALPRACTICE**

The Faculty views examination malpractice in the lens of the University's policy on such practice and takes the greatest exception to such acts. It is vital to remind all students that the University of Sierra Leone and by context the faculty takes very seriously the conduct of its examinations and frowns at any malpractice both from the staff or students.

Such malpractices can involve the taking of foreign materials into the exam hall (these materials may include; phone, booklet or any written document (s)). To all, the university policy on such practice and national laws on same apply in dealing with persons found wanting.

#### **FAILURE TO PASS AN EXAM PAPER IN YEAR 1 OF THE LLB PROGRAMME**

The Faculty's policy on this is tailored with that of the University's. It frowns on students that fail more than 2 modules. Where such failure occurs, the faculty upgraded policy mandates that a student be immediately expelled. A student can only write to a reference exam if he or she only fails in one (1) or two (2) modules. However, if a student fails to pass the reference or re-sit exam, this calls for immediate expulsion and or rustication from the university.

#### **FAILURE TO PASS AN EXAM PAPER IN YEAR 2 OF THE LLB PROGRAM (to verify)**

In year two (2), the university's policy dictates that if a student fails in more than (2) two modules, he or she must repeat the academic year and can only write to a reference exam if he/she fails in one (1) or two (2) modules. A student must pass all the modules before he/she can be allowed to proceed to year 3.

### **FAILURE TO PASS AN EXAM PAPER IN YEAR 3 OF THE LLB PROGRAM**

The LLB program at the faculty is a direct Honours program. As such, in Year 3, candidates are not allowed to write to reference exams rather, failed module (s) can be calculated for a cumulative GPA.

### **FAILURE TO PASS AN EXAM PAPER IN YEAR 4 OF THE LLB PROGRAM**

In Year 4 of the LLB program, candidates are not allowed to write to a reference exam. Failed modules can be as well calculated to determine the GPA of the student.

## **REMARKING OF EXAMINATION SCRIPT**

At the Faculty, a student may request for his/her script to be remarked if he/she feels she has been disadvantaged. This is in fact, the University's policy. For instance, if a student feels he or she has been disadvantaged with regards grades, he/she has the right to channel such complaint first to the lecturer of the module; and where the issue remains unresolved, the complaint must be channeled to the HOD/ Dean respectively. If the complaint is channeled to the Dean, a call for a remark of the script by a second marker and/or panel can be made; the recruitment of such second marker and/or panel is the responsibility of the Exams Office.

## **COMPLAINTS AND REDRESS MECHANISM**

All complaints must be made in writing to the Head of Department and where such cannot be resolved, then the student can forward his/her complaint to Dean for redress.



## **SECTION 9**

### **DISSERTATION AND LLM THESIS GUIDE**

#### **RESEARCH PROPOSAL**

(Not more than 6 pages. It is usually to be submitted to the Supervisor for approval before dissertation/ thesis).

##### **Structure for Research Proposal**

- i. Overview/
- ii. Statement of the Background of the study
- iii. Nature of the Problem
- iv. Research Hypothesis
- v. Research Questions
- vi. Aims and Objectives of the study
- vii. Methodology and sources of Data
- viii. Literature Review
- ix. Scope and Limitation of the Study
- x. Probable significance
- xi. Justification of the study
- xii. Reference

#### **STRUCTURE FOR DISSERTATION WRITING**

##### **Preliminary:**

- i. Cover Pages
- ii. Title Page
- iii. Table of Content
- iv. Dedication
- v. Acknowledgement
- vi. Abstract
- vii. Plagiarism
- viii. Declaration
- ix. Certification by Supervisor

## **Chapter 1 - General Introduction**

- |     |   |      |   |
|-----|---|------|---|
| i.  | Overview/<br>Background of the<br>Study | ii.  | Clarification of<br>dissertation terms                  |
| iii | Statement of<br>Research<br>Hypothesis  | iv   | Research<br>Questions                                   |
| V   | Literature Review                       | VI   | Methodology   |
| Vii | Setting of the<br>Research              | viii | Probable<br>significance/<br>Justification of the study |
| ix  | Aims and<br><br>Objectives of the Study | x    | Nature of the<br>Problem                                |
| xi  | Scope and<br>Limitations of the study   |      |   |

## **Chapter 2**

Literature Review

## **Chapter 3**

Methodology

## **Chapter 4**

Research Analysis & Findings

## **Chapter 5**

Summary

Recommendations and Conclusion

Bibliography

## **GUIDELINES FOR DISSERTATION**

1. An undergraduate law dissertation should range between 60 and 75 pages.
2. Font: Use either *New Times Roman, Arial, Cambria, Calibri, Bookman Old Style, Tahoma.*
3. Font Size: 12
4. Spacing: 1.5
5. Justify your work: ie lay it out evenly between the margins.
6. Chapter titles must be boldly written out in caps.

# **THESIS WRITING**

## **STRUCTURE FOR THESIS**

### **Preliminary**

Title Page                                      Acknowledgement (Optional)    Abstract

### **Chapter 1: Introduction**

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|--|---|
| i.      Overview/Study                   | ii.      Aims and Objectives                        |
| iii    Background of the study           | iv. Research Question                               |
| v    Scope and Limitations of the study  | vi. Nature of the Problem                           |
| vii   Setting of the Research Hypothesis | viii. Statement of Research                         |
| ix   Methodology                         | x. Probable Significance/justification of the study |

### **Chapter 2**

Literature Review

### **Chapter Three**

Methodology

### **Chapter Four**

Data Analysis and Finding

### **Chapter 5**

Discussion/lessons learnt

### **Chapter 6**

Summary, Recommendation and Conclusion

## **DISSERTATION REFERENCING AND PLAGIARISM**

### **1. LAW FACULTY REFERENCING GUIDE**

The University and by extension the Faculty maintains different **referencing** formats for dissertation writing. However, Harvard referencing or OSCOLA is the most regarded.

NB: check on the required referencing style on the University Policy for Dissertation and Thesis for a full guide on this.

## **2. PLAGIARISM**

The university detests plagiarism and encourages originality in research. Students found wanting with for PLAGIARISM will be dealt with in line with the University's policy on Plagiarism and academic fraud.

## **SECTION 10**

### **AWARDS AND PRIZES**

#### **1. DEAN'S LIST**

Candidates in any programme at the Faculty (except for the short courses and certificate program) who have produced above-average academic performances receive recognition for their efforts by being placed on “ *The Dean's List*”. No financial awards are attached to this honour but students are presented with an appropriate certificate.

The criterion for placement is:

- 70% average in all the subjects taken in anyone year.

#### **2. JUSTICE BINNEH'S AWARD FOR JURISPRUDENCE**

The object of this prize is to reward the best student for academic excellence in Jurisprudence and Legal Theory. The only criterion for the Award is academic merit to be assessed by looking at students' cumulative academic performance in the said coursewo

#### **STUDENT'S PRIZE FOR INTRODUCTION TO LAW**

The Introduction to Law prize is aimed at rewarding the student that passed the course with the highest cumulative grade points for both semesters.

## **SECTION 11**

### **FINANCIAL AID**

1. **Sierra Leone Government-Grant-in-Aid:** is available to all LLB students (except those at the First Year of the LLB programme). This is a government bursary and it is awarded for the period of the course after approval of the candidate for the grant. Applications are to be submitted online to the Ministry of Technical and Higher Education.

2. **SL STUDENT LOAN SCHEME**

3. **MASTER'S DEGREE SCHOLARSHIPS**

Sierra Leone Government-Grant-in-Aid is available to candidates admitted to the LLM programme. This is a government bursary and it is awarded for the period of the course after approval of the candidate for the grant. Applications can be submitted online to the Ministry of Technical and Higher Education.

## **SECTION 12**

### **CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AND ALUMNI**

#### **1. CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:**

The faculty provides students' opportunities to gain wider social exposure and recognitions nationally and internationally through local, regional and international mootings systems and collaborations. Such podium is set for the purpose of creating a opportunities for law students across the globe to meet and share ideas within the legal profession, and benefits from the knowledge of the career pathway from different universities and countries.

Furthermore, the faculty provides access for students to meet and associate with senior legal practitioners in several ways including through guest lectures, programs and internships, to encourage practical learning and development of professional skills through effective mentorship.

#### **INTERNSHIPS:**

The Faculty incorporates to a large extent a practical component in its educational approach particularly into the final-year curriculum for LLB Honors Two students. The goal is to equip students with practical skills, communication, and interaction abilities beyond the classroom. This six-month program requires students to be prepared and committed.

Students must complete this component in the corporate world, supervised by reputable government, non-government, or private institutions. This experience helps students differentiate between practical skills and academic learning. Common placements include Legal Link, led by Rashid Dumbuya Esq., the Institute of Legal Research and Advocacy for Justice (ILRAJ), headed by Basita Michael Esq., and various others.

#### **2. ALUMNI**

The Faculty of Law at FBC proudly boasts of a rich and prestigious alumni network, with members playing pivotal roles in the governance and development of legal systems both nationally and internationally. This esteemed group includes distinguished judges, lawyers, scholars, public servants, and Private entrepreneurs . Below are some notable personalities:

- Mohamed Pa-Momoh Fofanah Esq (Mr); Head of chamber, Eddrina & Co. A 23 yrs of standing at the Bar.
- Hon.Dr. Justice Abubakarr Binneh kamara; Judge of the high Court of Sierra Leone; Dean at the Faculty of law Fourah Bay College. He has an experienced of about 20yrs Standing at the Bar.
- YADA HASSIM WILLIAMS ESQ ( Mr); The head of Chamber of 'Yada Williams and Associates.He is the current Chairman of Sierra Leone Law School. He is specialized in Criminal Civil Law proceedings, and he have practised for about 30 yrs at the Bar.
- Basita Micheal Esq ( Ms); Head of Chamber, Micheal & Co. Founder of the Sierraeye magazine; Lectures on International Criminal LAW. She has an experienced of about 20 yrs standing at the Bar.
- Roberts Baoma Kowa Esq (Mr); Head of Chamber, Kowa & ASSOCIATES. Former President of the Sierra Leone Bar Association; the current Solicitor general of the Republic of Sierra Leone. Years of Standing at the bar, 28yrs.
- Justice Monfred Sesay(Mr), Judge of the Appeal Court of Sierra Leone, lecturer at Fourah Bay College (USL), and he also lectures on "The Sierra Leone Legal System at Law School. He has an experienced of about 23 yrs standing at the Bar.
- Hon.Hindolo Gevao Esq ( Mr. ); Head of Chamber at Gevao and Associates, off Kinghama Road. Current Member of parliament, serving under the ticket of the Sierra Leone's Peoples Party (SLPP). He has gained an experienced of 20 yrs standing at the Bar.
- Justice Bami Hallowey ( Mr. ); Judge of the Supreme Court of Sierra Leone; season lecturer at Fourah Bay College (USL).

## INFOGRAPHICS





















