



FACULTY OF LAW
END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS - APRIL 2025

PROGRAMME: LLB

YEAR/SEM: YEAR 1/SEMESTER 1

COURSE CODE: LLB 1105

NAME: LEGAL FOUNDATIONS

DATE: 2025-04-22

TIME: 9:00AM-12:00PM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

1. Read the instructions very carefully
2. The time allowed for this examination is STRICTLY three hours
3. Read each question carefully before you attempt and allocate your time equally between all the Sections
4. Write clearly and legibly. Illegible handwriting cannot be marked
5. Number the questions you have attempted
6. Use of appropriate workplace examples to illustrate your answers will earn you bonus marks
7. Any examination malpractice detected will lead to automatic disqualification.

DO NOT WRITE ANYTHING ON THE QUESTION PAPER

Section A This Question is Compulsory

Question 1:

Mr. Kyakabale Rayan, a student at Excel University Uganda and your neighbour, who is also undertaking the Foundational course has approached you and would like to understand the jurisdiction, composition and hierarchy of Courts of judicature in Uganda. With reference to relevant authorities, advise Mr. Kyakabale. [25 Marks]

Section B Choose only one question from the two questions in this Section.

Question 1:

Write Short Notes on the differences between the Branches of law (25 Marks):

- a) Common law and Civil law
- b) Civil and Criminal law
- c) Domestic/Municipal law and International law
- d) Public and Private law
- e) Procedural law and Substantive law

Question 2:

Write Short Notes on the Following Cases (25 Marks):

- a) Rex v Amkeyo (1917) E.A.L.R 7
- b) Woolmington v DPP [1935] UKHL 1
- c) Miller v Minister of Pensions [1947] 2 ALLER 372
- d) Attorney General v Hon. Michael Kabaziguruka, Constitutional Appeal No. 2 of 2021
- e) John Nsereko v George Gitta [1975] HCB 152

Section C Choose only Two(2) Questions from the Four Questions in this Section.

Question 1:

Critically discuss the differences between the Criminal law and Civil law. Illustrate your answer using clear examples, while highlighting the salient features of each legal system. 25 Marks

Question 2:

With reference to relevant authorities, discuss the different theories of law and how they define law. 25 Marks

Question 3:

Discuss the Meaning of the term Precedent, the types of Precedent and Modes of Avoiding Precedent in Uganda. 25 Marks

Question 4:

With reference to relevant authorities, distinguish between Principal and Subsidiary Legislation in Uganda. 25 Marks