(LAW 201) Law and Governance

Pre-Requisites: None

**Learning Objectives:** 

This subject examines law as an instrument of governance, basic understanding of

Law and governance. Understand the origins and interface between law governance.

Students will understand the role of law in constructing social categories and

sustaining social order. It will also familiarize students with the concepts of the global

environment, state sovereignty, law and good governance. Become knowledgeable

of the ethical and interdisciplinary foundations of more effective governance and law.

**Learning Outcomes:** 

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

• Define the principles of good governance.

• Explain the importance of accountability to donors.

Identify building blocks for good governance from fields of law and business.

Identify the legal forms of organizations which are included in the 'third sector'

in terms of reporting obligations, tax status and decision making.

Define the elements of a good governance system.

Identify trends and implications in the best practices of good governance with

respect to: legislation and regulations; investors; judicial decisions; and

information technology.

• Identify sources for updated information on, and continuing education in, good

governance.

**Course Contents:** 

Constitutionalism and the rule of law, administrative law, freedom of information,

judicial review, conceptions of justice, the courts and the adversarial system.

principles of good governance, importance of accountability to donors, building

blocks for good governance, legal forms of organizations, elements of a good

governance system, trends and implications in the best practices of good

governance

## **Text Books and Software:**

- 1. Jack Robin et al., eds. Principle and Practice of Public Administration.(Florida: Francis and Taylor, 2006)
- 2. Frank Fischer et. al., eds. Handbook of Public Policy Analysis: theory, policy and methods (Florida: Francis and Taylor, 2007)
- 3. David Kennedy, The Dark Sides of Virtue: Reassessing International Humanitarianism(New Jersey: University Press, 2005).
- 4. David Kennedy, Of War and Law (New Jersey: Princeton University Press, 2006)