**NEAR EAST UNIVERSITY**

**Faculty of Law (LLB Tort Law)**

**Tort Law I-II**

**Course Code:**

ELAW 203

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**Year of study:**

Year 2

**Taught in:**

Full Year

**Abstract**

Tort law covers topics which include Employer’s Liability; Negligence; Occupiers’ Liability; Nuisance; Trespass to Land; Trespass to the Person; Defective Products; Defamation and Privacy. At the end of each lecture, students are provided with a ‘problem question’ which consists of a scenario with issues that revolve around the topic covered in class. This provides students with an opportunity to apply their problem solving skills and knowledge to everyday life situations which they may have to face in their future legal careers.

**Objectives and learning outcomes of the course**

A ‘tort’ is a wrongful act that causes injury or damage. Examples of torts include death, assault, injury from a defective product, injury from bad driving and damage or destruction of property.

This course aims to enable students:

1. to understand the nature of tort law;

2. to understand the basic elements of torts;

3. to develop an understanding of several key areas of tort law including the law of negligence;

4. to critically examine the operation and application of tort law in practical contexts;

5. to develop effective skills, both orally and in writing, in the construction of legal argument and analysis of issues;

6. to undertake self-directed legal research at a high level, including the use of online technologies.

**Scope and syllabus**

Topics are likely to include:

* **Introduction**
* **Definition of Tort**
* **Object of Legal Proceedings**
* **Terms such as actionable per se; Strict Liability**
* **State of Mind**
* **Elements of a Tort**
* **The Requirement of Fault**
* **Employer’s Liability**
* **Vicarious Liability**
* **Negligence**
* **Occupiers’ Liability**
* **Nuisance**
* **The Rule in Rylands v Fletcher**
* **Trespass to Land**
* **Trespass to the Person**
* **Liability for Defective Products**
* **Defamation**
* **Privacy**
* **Defences**
* **Remedies**

**Method of assessment**

Students are assessed both in the mid-term and final term of each semester.

Mid-term exam: 30%

Final exam: 70%

**Suggested reading**

The recommended (though not required) texts for this course are:

* Catherine Elliott and Frances Quinn, *Tort Law*, Pearson Education Limited, 9th Edition, 2013
* Frances Quinn, *Tort Law,* Living Law Series, 1st Edition, 2012
* Emily Finch and Stefan Fafinski, *Tort Law*, Law Express, 5th Edition, 2015