**LAW 1109 LAW OF CONTRACT I**

**Course Description**

The course introduces students to the notion of bargain in contractual and business transactions. The course will provide the first year students with a foundation, which is critical for the study of Law of Contracts II and commercial law courses in subsequent years.

**Course Content**

Development of the law of contract; general principles and formation of contract – offer, acceptance, parties, intention to create legal relations, capacity to contract, consideration; validity of contract - free consent, unenforceable, void, voidable and illegal agreements; privity of contract; performance; discharge of contract and contract remedies; emerging issues in contracts such as electronic contract (online agreements), offshore agreements.

**Course Objectives**

The objective of the course is to equip students with:

1. Theories regarding freedom of contract.
2. Capacity to contract.
3. Elements of a valid contract.

**Learning Outcomes**

At the end of the course, the students should be able to:

1. Understand the historical development of contract law;
2. Understand the process of forming a contract;
3. Appreciate the nature and content of a valid contract; and
4. Critically analyze the utility of the doctrine of freedom of contract.

**Methods of Instruction**

1. At the commencement of the course, students are availed with reading lists, which indicate the topics to be covered, and the respective reading materials for the respective topics. It is expected that the student uses this list in preparation for each lecture.
2. The students are introduced to each topic and guided on the principles therein. Thereafter, students will be given problems for discussion in class. Students are further encouraged to also formulate their problems for discussion during the lectures.

**Assessment**

1. A coursework will be administered during the coursework week to be marked out of 30 marks.
2. An examination will be given at the end of the semester to be marked out of 70 marks.