**LAW 2109 LAW OF EVIDENCE I**

**Course Description**

This course introduces students to the legal concepts that govern evidence. It covers evolution of the various concepts, the codification of the evidence law and examines the application of the evidence law in Uganda. It is the first part of study of the Law of Evidence.

**Course Content**

Nature and History of the Law of Evidence; Historical development of modern trial; Meaning and basic terminology; facts in issue; Probative force; Prima facie evidence; Conclusive evidence; Presumptions; Circumstantial evidence; Relevance and Admissibility; *res gestae.*

**Course Objectives**

The fundamental objectives of this course are to enable students;.

1. To understand the evolution of the law of evidence.
2. To know the terminology used in the subject.
3. To know the law the basic statutory provisions in the law of evidence.
4. To examine of the application of evidence in Uganda.

**Learning Outcomes**

It is expected that having studied the course the student would have a thorough grounding in evidence and its application to legal practice. It is also expected that the student would have sufficient knowledge about where to find the law on evidence and how it relates to other legislation in Uganda. It is therefore hoped that the student would, as a result of undertaking this course, be able to appreciate the principles governing evidence. The course is a preparation for and a pre-requisite for Evidence II of second semester.

**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 problem questions 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.