**LAW 2207 NEGLIGENCE AND STRICT LIABILITY**

**Course Description**

The course covers negligence and other forms violation of private rights and includes the remedies available aggrieved persons.

**Course Outline**

Negligent invasions of interests in person and property; strict liability; invasions of privacy, nuisance. Occupier’s liability; procedural issues in the law of torts.

**Course objectives**

1. To enable students to grasp the meaning of negligence as a cause of action as well as its socio-economic basis.

2. To enable student to understand nuisance occupiers’ liability, private and public nuisance and strict liability and liability for fire and animals.

3. To enable students to understand death as a cause of action and other provisions of the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act.

**Learning Outcomes**

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

1. Identify and explain the ingredients of, the remedies and defenses to an action of negligence
2. Identify and explain as well as distinguish between the torts of strict liability, public and private nuisance and occupiers’ liability, and liability for fire and animals.
3. Identity and appreciate the nature of death as a cause of action and certain procedural elements in relation to actions against the government.

**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.