**Philosophy of Law**

Course Code: PHI 2106

**Course Unit: 3**

***Course Description :***

The course deals with the basic issues related to the nature and function of law in society. It deals with issues such as natural justice, the logic of legal reasoning, legal responsibility, legal rights, judicial procedure, law and morality as well as the sources of law. It also considers the conversion of the natural law doctrine into natural rights doctrine in the modern period.

***Course Objective:***

To give students a balanced view of law in society which avoids the extremes of excessive legalism and anarchism by showing the significance of society’s right to control, to some extent, the behaviour of its citizens

***Course Outline***

1. Meaning and Nature of Law
2. Brief Historical Development of Legal Theories
3. Status of Contemporary Philosophy of Law
4. Theories of Law and Related Issues
5. The Force of Law in the Laws of Society
6. The Logic of Legal Reasoning

***Methodology***

The facilitator(s) will employ the following methods; Lectures, individual presentations, textual criticism, guest lectures

***Assessment Mode***

Course work exercises 30%

End of semester examination 70%

***Reading list***

1. Russell**,** B.: *Authority and the Individual,* Simon and Schuster, New York, 1949.
2. Raz**,** J.: *Law, Morality and Society,*Claredon, London, 1977.
3. *Encyclopaedia Britannica, Vol. 25,* 2003.
4. Johari**,** J.C.: *Contemporary Political Theory,* Sterling Publ. Pvt Ltd, New Delhi, 1980.
5. Macpherson**,** C.B.: *The Political Theory of Possessive Individualism: Hobbes to Locke,*OxfordUniv. Press, London, 1967.