

DETAILED CURRICULUM
LEVEL ONE – SEMESTER TWO
INTERPRETATION OF STATUTES & DOCUMENTS

COURSE DETAILS			
Course Code	LW 2103		
Course Title	INTERPRETATION OF STATUTES & DOCUMENTS		
Course Type	Core		
Credits	03		
Hours Allotted	Theory	30	Total 60
	Practical	-	
	Assignments/ Tutorials	30	
AIM			
<p>This course is assigned to provide a systematic understanding of Law of Interpretation. The Legal texts are differed significantly from other types of documents. Legal interpretation also possesses its own features. The issues addressed in each topic are selective on the base of its essentiality to have a complete coverage of the contents of law of interpretation.</p>			
INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES			
<p>After following the course students should be able to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. gain a comprehensive understanding of the nature and substances of the Law of Interpretation. 2. have a greater confidence to interpret constitutions, statutes and other legal documents to exact the real legal meanings. 3. analyze the framer’s intention, conceptuality and usage of language of the legal documents. 			
COURSE CONTENTS			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction; Jurisprudential concepts and law of Interpretation, English and Law approaches, Constitutionalism, Law and Language and challenges in a multi – lingual society. 2. Theoretical approaches in law Interpretation; Relationship between Law and Language the intention of legislature, The Literal, subjective, Purposive; Teleological, Free Delegation theories. 3. Rules of Construction methods, Golden, Literal, Mischief and Purposive Rules. 4. Constitutional Interpretation; Framer’s intension (originalism), Modernists’ way (Instrumentalists); Literalistic way, Democratic/ Normative way. 5. Interpretation of statutes; Internal and External consistency, Statements of Legislature, Ejusdem generis, expression unius est exclusion alterius , In pari Material Noscitur a sociis , Reddendo Singula , Singulis and Generalia Specialibus non derogant. The use of Hansard Reports on commission , International Conventions. 6. Legal draftment ; Principles and Techniques 7. General and special presumption of Interpretation 			

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	% OF MARKS
Semester- end Examination :	70
Assignments:	20
Class Quizzes:	10
RECOMMENDED READING	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GE Devenish , Interpretation of Statutes . 2. Lord Lloyd , Introduction to Jurisprudence. 3. J.Bell and G Engle , Cross , Statutory Interpretation. 4. FAR Bennion , Statutory Interpretation. 5. NS Bindra , Interpretation of Statutes. 6. A Marmor , Interpretation and Legal Theory. 7. Barak A Bashi S , Purposive Interpretation of Law. 8. Andrei Marmor , Law and Interpretation ; Essays in Legal philosophy 	