**Jurisprudence I**

**Course Overview:**

The term Jurisprudence" goes back to Latin prudentia juris (literally "skill in law"). To simplify we can say that Jurisprudence meaning the knowledge or the skill of law or studying law in a logical or sysmtematic way. The students will be taught this course in two parts. The first part approaches the subject in a more theoretical way. It will discus various theories including the Natural Law Theory, Positive Law Theory, American Legal Realism, Kalson’s Pure Law Theory and others with their respective strengths and weaknesses of these theories. It also focuses on nature, scope and functions of law in the society. The historical evolution of law and various legal systems will also be touched briefly in this course. Finally some discussion will also be done on the sources of law including statutes, presidents and customs as source of law.

**Recommended Reading:**

1. Austin, John. *The Province of Jurisprudence Determined and the Uses of the Study of Jurisprudence with an Introduction by H.L.A. Hart.* Indianapolis: Hackett, 1998.

2. Friedmann, W. *Legal Theory,* 8th edn. London: Stevenson, 2008 (rpt.).

3. Harris, J.W. *Legal Philosophies*, 2nd edn. London: LexisNexis, 2005.

4. Hayman, Robert L and Levit, Nancy et al. (ed.) *Jurisprudence: Classical and Contemporary: From Natural Law to Postmodernism.* St. Paul: West, 2002.

5. Holland, Sir Thomas E. *The Elements of Jurisprudence,* 13th edn. New Delhi: Universal, 2010 (rpt.).

6. Leimer, Edger B. *Jurisprudence: The Philosophy of Method and Law* 6th edn. California: Harvard University Press, 2009.

7. Nyazee, Imran Ahsan. *Jurisprudence*, Islamabad: Advanced Studies Legal Institute, 2007.

8. Posner, Richard A. *Frontiers of Legal Theory.* Delhi:Universal, 2010 (2nd I rpt.).