**UMT SCHOOL OF LAW AND POLICY**

**Legal System of Pakistan**

**Course Description**

This is a core law course designed to acquaint students with various concepts of the legal system ofPakistan expounded in the Constitution. The role of various actors in construction and shaping ofPakistan’s legal system will be reflected upon. Also, the powers of courts with respect to dispensing ofjudgments and protection of fundamental rights of citizens will be discussed in detail. Other importantaspects such as doctrine of precedent and statutory interpretation will be considered in the context ofPakistan.These objectives will be achieved by focusing on the specific provisions of the Constitution of Pakistanpertaining to the topic. Attention will also be given to case-laws to equip the students to analyze thecases and to extract basic principles from them. Academic texts will also substantiate the Constitution,statutes and case-law.

**Recommended Readings**

J. (R) Fazal Karim “Of Crime andCriminal Procedure”, Access To Justicein Pakistan, Karachi: PakistanLaw House, 2003.

Martin Lau, The Role of Islam in the Legal System of Pakistan, London, 2005.

Muhammad Azeem, Law, State and Inequality in Pakistan: Explaining the Rise of the Judiciary, Springer 2017.

Hamid Khan, A History of the Judiciary in Pakistan, Oxford University Press, 2016.

Imran Ahmad Khan Nyazee, Legal System of Pakistan, Advanced Legal Studies Institute, Islamabad, 2016.

The Constitution of Pakistan, 1973.