**UMT SCHOOL OF LAW AND POLICY**

**Research Methods**

**Course Description**

Conducting legal research is a fundamental skill that will enable law students to identify and locate law and subsequently analyze it. It is crucial for them to understand the intricacy of this process; this will aid them in their academic and professional writing.This core compulsory course provides a detailed approach to the process of legal research, as a law student, and for the professional legal setting as well. This course provides students with the legal knowledge and analytical skills necessary to conduct legal research and provides a structured approach to the various research methodologies.

**Recommended Readings**

William H. Putman, Legal Research, Analysis, and Writing, 4th edition, Cengage Learning, 2012.

Amy E. Sloan, Researching the Law, Find What You Need When You Need It, 5th edition, Wolters Kluwer, 2012.

Amy E. Sloan, Basic Legal rsearch: Tools and Strategies (Aspen Coursebook), 7th edition, 2018.

Carol M. Bast and Margie A. Hawkins, Foundations of Legal Research and Writing, Delmar Cengage Learning, 2009.

Stephen Elias, Legal Research: How to Find and Understand the Law, 15th edition, Nolo, 2009.