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In light of the extraordinary circumstances brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, and the adjustments and changes the legal education system need to make to facilitate learning under this new environment, there is a growing consensus that the law curriculum meanwhile be reengineered to make it responsive and flexible as demanded by these extraordinary times. The Legal Education Board recognizes that primary to this task of formulating an interim law curriculum is the determination of the core subjects, focusing only on the essential coverage, to allow schools and learners the necessary flexibility to adapt effectively.

In this respect, based on the current Thesis and Non-Thesis Juris Doctor (JD) curriculum, for Academic Year 2020-2021 an Interim Curriculum is to be implemented on a voluntary basis immediately until the pandemic period in the country is declared over and regular person-to-person classes are allowed. This concept was discussed and agreed upon in a meeting that the LEB had with officers and representatives of Philippine Association of Law Schools on June 16, 2020, and vetted in discussions after.

It is in this regard that the LEB promulgates this Memorandum Order for the consideration and guidance of the legal education community.

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SUBJECT: THE OPTIONAL INTERIM CURRICULUM OF THE BASIC LAW PROGRAM

In accordance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 7662, entitled the “Legal Education Reform Act of 1993,” and pursuant to the resolution adopted by the Legal Education Board En Banc during its 138th Meeting held on July 24, 2020, the following guidelines for the optional interim curriculum for the basic law program are hereby adopted:

Section 1. Rationale — Republic Act No. 7662, entitled the “Legal Education Reform Act of 1993” expressly authorizes the Legal Education Board (LEB) to prescribe the curriculum for the basic law course aligned to the requirements for admission to the bar. In relation to this, and in the context of the unprecedented challenges faced by the legal education community in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, an interim curriculum covering all the year levels of the basic law course shall be implemented at the option of

schools to allow for greater learning flexibility without compromising the quality of education.

Section 2. The Interim Curriculum for the Basic Law Program — The interim curriculum may be applied, at the discretion of the law school, to all students of any year level of study of the basic law program following the suggested outline as follows:

Juris Doctor Program (General), 136 units

First Semester			YEAR I		Second Semester		
COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITE	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITE		
Philosophy of Law	2	None	Basic Legal and Judicial Ethics	3	None		
Legal Research and Writing	3	None	Obligations and Contracts	5	None		
Legal Methods	3	None	Constitutional Law II	4	None		
Constitutional Law I	3	None	Criminal Law II	4	Criminal Law I		
Criminal Law I	3	None					
Persons and Family Relations	3	None					
Subtotal	18		Subtotal	16			
First Semester			YEAR 2		Second Semester		
Administrative, Civil Service and Election Laws	2	Constitutional Law I	Social Legislation in Labor and Agrarian Reform	4	Constitutional Law I		
Public International Law	3	Constitutional Law I	Taxation Law I	2	Constitutional Law I		
Laws on property, titles and natural resources	5	Obligations and Contracts	Agency, Trust and Partnership	2	Obligations and Contracts		
Commercial Laws I	3	Obligations and Contracts	Corporation Law	3	None		
Legal Medicine	1	Criminal Law II	Civil Procedure in Dispute Resolution	5	Persons and Family Relations, Obligations and Contracts		
Criminal Procedure	3	Criminal Law I, Criminal Law II					
Subtotal	17		Subtotal	16			
First Semester			YEAR 3		Second Semester		
Succession	3	Persons and Family Relations, Laws on property, titles and natural resources	Taxation Law II	3	Taxation Law I, Persons and Family Relations, Succession		
Private International Law	2	None	Labor Relations Law	2	Social Legislation in Labor and Agrarian Reform		
Torts and Damages	2	Persons and Family Relations, Obligations and Contracts	Special Proceedings	2	Succession		
Commercial Laws II	3	Obligations and Contracts	Advanced Legal and Judicial Ethics	2	Basic Legal and Judicial Ethics		
Evidence	4	Criminal Procedure, Civil Procedure in Dispute Resolution	Electives	4	None		
Elective	2	None					
Subtotal	15		Subtotal	13			
First Semester			YEAR 4		Second Semester		
Political and International Law Review	6	Constitutional Law I, Constitutional Law II, Administrative, Civil Service and Election Laws	Taxation Law Review	3	Taxation Law I, Taxation Law II		

Labor Law Review	3	Social Legislation in Labor and Agrarian Reform, Labor Relations Law	Commercial Law Review	6	Commercial Laws I, Commercial Laws II, Agency, Trust and Partnership, Corporation Law
Civil Law Review	6	Persons and Family Relations, Succession, Torts and Damages, Private International law, Obligations and Contracts, Laws on property, titles and natural resources	Remedial Law Review	7	Criminal Procedure, Civil Procedure in Dispute Resolution, Evidence, Special Proceedings
Criminal Law Review	4	Criminal Law I, Criminal Law II	Legal and Judicial Ethics and Practical Exercises	2	Basic Legal and Judicial Ethics, Advanced Legal and Judicial Ethics, Criminal Procedure, Civil Procedure in Dispute Resolution, Evidence
Apprenticeship/Practice Court I	2	Criminal Procedure, Civil Procedure in Dispute Resolution, Evidence, Special Proceedings	Apprenticeship/Practice Court II	2	Apprenticeship/Practice Court I
Subtotal		21	Subtotal		20

Section 3. Core Courses — For standardization, the interim curriculum core courses, herein defined as those minimum courses that must be taken up by all law students to be able to earn their degree, shall have the following course code, prescribed unit weights and prerequisites:

CODE	DESCRIPTIVE TITLE	UNITS	PREREQUISITES
JD100	Philosophy of Law	2	None
JD101	Legal Research and Writing	3	None
JD102	Basic Legal and Judicial Ethics	3	None
JD103	Advanced Legal and Judicial Ethics	2	JD102
JD104	Legal Methods	3	None
JD105	Apprenticeship I / Practice Court I	2	JD601, JD602, JD603, JD604
JD106	Apprenticeship II / Practice Court II	2	JD105
JD201	Constitutional Law I	3	None
JD202	Constitutional Law II	4	None
JD203	Administrative, Civil Service and Election Laws	2	JD201
JD204	Public International Law	3	JD201
JD205	Social Legislation in Labor and Agrarian Reform	4	JD201
JD206	Labor Relations Law	2	JD205
JD207	Taxation Law I	2	JD201
JD208	Taxation Law II	3	JD207, JD401, JD402
JD301	Criminal Law I	3	None
JD302	Criminal Law II	4	JD301
JD303	Legal Medicine	1	JD302

JD401	Persons and Family Relations	4	None
JD402	Succession	3	JD401, JD502
JD403	Torts and Damages	2	JD401, JD501
JD404	Private International Law	2	None
JD501	Obligations and Contracts	5	None
JD502	Laws on property, titles and natural resources	5	JD501
JD503	Commercial Laws I	3	JD501
JD504	Commercial Laws II	3	JD501
JD505	Agency, Trust and Partnership	2	JD501
JD506	Corporation Law	3	None
JD601	Criminal Procedure	3	JD301, JD302
JD602	Civil Procedure in Dispute Resolution	5	JD401, JD501
JD603	Evidence	4	JD601, JD602
JD604	Special Proceedings	2	JD402
JD901	Political and International Law Review	6	JD201, JD202, JD203, JD204
JD902	Labor Law Review	3	JD205, JD206
JD903	Civil Law Review	6	JD401, JD402, JD403, JD404, JD501, JD502
JD904	Taxation Law Review	3	JD207, JD208
JD905	Commercial Law Review	6	JD503, JD504, JD505, JD506
JD906	Criminal Law Review	4	JD301, JD302
JD907	Remedial Law Review	7	JD601, JD602, JD603, JD604
JD908	Legal and Judicial Ethics and Practical Exercises	2	JD102, JD103, JD601, JD602, JD603
JDELE	Electives	6	-
	TOTAL	136	

Section 4. Course Specifications and Equivalencies — The following are the course codes, course titles, prescribed unit weights, course description and their equivalent courses under the model curriculum prescribed by LEB Memorandum Order (LEBMO) No. 1 (2011):

CODE	FULL TITLE	UNITS	DESCRIPTION	EQUIVALENT
JD100	Philosophy of Law	2	A study of the historical roots of law from Roman times, the schools of legal thought that spurred its growth and development, and the primordial purpose of law and legal education.	Same
JD101	Legal Research and Writing	3	The course will introduce structures to the methodology of legal research and the preparation of legal opinions, memoranda, or expository or critical paper on any subject approved by the faculty member teaching it. It also includes an introduction of legal writing techniques; it involves applied legal bibliography, case digesting and	Legal Research (2 units), and Legal Writing (2 units)

			<p>reporting analysis, and legal reasoning.</p> <p>The course is an integration of the Legal Research, and Legal Writing subjects.</p>	
JD102	Basic Legal and Judicial Ethics	3	<p>A course that focuses on the canons of legal ethics involving the duties and responsibilities of the lawyer with respect to the public or society, the bar or legal profession, the courts and the client. The course also covers the ethical standards followed by the bench.</p> <p>The course is an enhancement of the Basic Legal Ethics subject.</p>	Basic Legal Ethics (3 units)
JD103	Advanced Legal and Judicial Ethics	2	<p>A course aimed at examining and resolving specific ethical problems and dilemmas which may confront lawyers and judges in the exercise of the legal profession. The course also touches on deeper understanding and philosophical underpinnings of ethical decision making.</p> <p>The course is an enhancement of the Problem Areas in Legal Ethics subject.</p>	Problem Areas in Legal Ethics (3 units)
JD104	Legal Methods	3	<p>A course on the methods of reasoning, syllogisms, arguments and expositions, deductions, the truth table demonstrating invalidity and inconsistency of arguments. It also includes the logical organization of legal language and logical testing of judicial reasoning. A course that explores the use and force of statutes and the principles and methods of their construction and interpretation.</p> <p>The course is an integration of the Legal Technique and Logic, and Statutory Construction subjects.</p>	Legal Technique and Logic (2 units) and Statutory Construction (2 units)
JD105	Apprenticeship I / Practice Court I	2	<p>A course that may offer an apprenticeship or a practice court opportunity as described under LEBMO No. 1. The course integrates the relevant LEGAL FORMS.</p>	Same
JD106	Apprenticeship II / Practice Court II	2	<p>A course that may offer a continuation of the apprenticeship or practice court opportunity as described under LEBMO No. 1. The course integrates the relevant LEGAL FORMS.</p>	Same
JD201	Constitutional Law I: Foundations and	3	<p>A survey and evaluation of basic political foundations of the structure of the Philippine Government, and</p>	Constitutional Law I (3 units)

	principles of the Philippine State		the policies and principles of the Philippine state.	
			The course is an enhancement of the Constitutional Law I subject.	
JD202	Constitutional Law II: Constitutional and Human Rights	4	A comprehensive study of the Bill of Rights, other constitutional rights and judicial review of the acts affecting them. The course also delves in the aspects of protecting, defending and redressing violations of human rights in the Philippines. The course integrates the relevant LEGAL FORMS.	Constitutional Law II (3 units), and Human Rights (2 units)
			The course is an integration of the Constitutional Law II and Human Rights subjects.	
JD203	Administrative, Civil Service and Election Laws	2	The course will survey the interplay of laws that deal with public office and civil service covering the basic principles and doctrines governing administrative agencies, the standards and rules applicable to public servants, and finally, the important electoral laws and procedure. The course integrates the relevant LEGAL FORMS.	Administrative Law, Law on Public Officers and Election Laws (3 units)
			The course is an enhancement and rationalization of the Administrative Law, Law on Public Officers and Election Laws subject.	
JD204	Public International Law	3	A study of the general principles of international law and an overview of the legal principles governing international relations based, among others, on the United Nations Charter, the doctrines of well-known and recognized publicists, and the decisions of international tribunals and bodies.	Same
JD205	Social Legislation in Labor and Agrarian Reform	4	A study of social legislation laws with a particular focus on labor, welfare and agrarian reform. The course is an introduction to Philippine labor laws and touches on important provisions and jurisprudence on labor standards under the Labor Code and special laws, including on special protections for vulnerable sectors in labor. The course also touches on social justice legislation in the form of agrarian reform laws and regulations.	Labor Law I (3 units), and Agrarian Law and Social Legislation (2 units)

			The course is an integration of the Labor Law I and Agrarian Law and Social Legislation subjects.	
JD206	Labor Relations Law	2	The course covers the important principles and key procedural rules of labor relations under the Labor Code and special laws, as well as provisions on post-employment protections. The course integrates the relevant LEGAL FORMS.	Labor Law II (3 units)
			The course is a rationalization of the Labor Law II subject.	
JD207	Taxation Law I: Foundations of taxation law and income taxation	2	The general principles of taxation and important statutory provisions on income taxation, including pertinent revenue regulations.	Taxation I (3 units)
			The course is a rationalization of the Taxation I subject.	
JD208	Taxation Law II: Applied taxation laws in civil and commercial relations	3	A study of the concepts and general principles of transfer (estate and donor's), tax, specific, business, percentage, amusement, and miscellaneous taxes provided in the National Internal Revenue Code, including general principles on tariff and customs duties. The course integrates the relevant LEGAL FORMS.	Taxation II (3 units)
JD301	Criminal Law I: Foundations and principles	3	A detailed examination into the characteristics of criminal law, the nature of felonies, stages of execution, circumstances affecting criminal liability, persons criminally liable; the extent and extinction of criminal liability as well as the understanding of penalties in criminal law, their nature and theories, classes, crimes, habitual delinquency, juvenile delinquency, the Indeterminate Sentence Law and the Probation Law. The course covers Articles 1-113 of the Revised Penal Code and related laws.	Criminal Law I (3 units)
JD302	Criminal Law II: Crimes and punishment	4	A survey of the important felonies penalized in Book II of the Revised Penal Code, as amended, and those crimes found in special penal laws, their nature, elements and corresponding penalties.	Criminal Law II (4 units)
			The course is an enhancement of the Criminal Law II subject.	
JD303	Legal Medicine	1	An overview of the principles relating to medico-legal cases, including the procedure of	Same

			presenting and examining a medical expert witness.	
JD401	Persons and Family Relations	4	A basic course on the law of persons and the family which first views the effect and application of laws, to examine the legal norms affecting civil personality, marriage, property relations between husband and wife, legal separation, the matrimonial regimes of absolute community, conjugal partnership of gains, and complete separation of property; paternity and filiation, adaption, guardianship, support, parental authority, surnames, absence and emancipation, including the rules of procedure relative to the foregoing.	Same
JD402	Succession	3	A detailed examination and analysis of key provisions of the law on testate and intestate succession. The course also takes up rules of procedure on the settlement and administration of the estate of deceased persons. The course integrates the relevant LEGAL FORMS.	Succession (4 units)
			The course is a rationalization of the Succession subject.	
JD403	Torts and Damages	2	An analysis of the law on quasidelicts as well as the nature, classes and extent of damages.	Same
JD404	Private International Law	2	A course dealing with legal transactions with emphasis on the choice of law, including problems on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments.	Conflict of Laws (2 units)
JD501	Obligations and Contracts	5	An in-depth study of the nature, kinds and effect of obligations and their extinguishment; contracts in general, their requisites, form and interpretation; defective contracts, quasi contracts, natural obligations, and estoppel.	Same
JD502	Laws on property, titles and natural resources	5	A course offering the study and analysis of laws on property, including different modes of acquiring ownership. The course also focuses on important principles and procedural laws governing title to and registration of real property. Lastly, the discussion integrates the social function of bearing property through a survey of key environmental laws governing natural resources and their disposition. The course integrates the relevant LEGAL FORMS.	Property (4 units), Land Titles and Deeds (2 units), Natural Resources and Environmental Laws (2 units)

			The course is an integration of the Property, Land Titles and Deeds, and Natural Resources and Environmental Laws subjects.	
JD503	Commercial Laws 1: Foundations in commercial transactions laws	3	<p>A survey of the important principles and concepts to basic laws on commercial transactions, with a particular focus on Civil Code provisions on the contract of sale, loans, mortgages, pledges and guaranty, and similar activities. The course also focuses on the key provisions governing negotiability of instruments. Finally, the course integrates discussion on relevant provisions of special commercial laws. The course integrates the relevant LEGAL FORMS.</p> <p>The course is an integration of the Sales, Credit Transactions, and Negotiable Instruments subjects.</p>	Sales (2 units), Credit Transactions (3 units), and Negotiable Instruments (3 units)
JD504	Commercial Laws 2: Public interest in selected commercial laws	3	<p>A survey of emerging and relevant commercial laws dealing with public interest, including Anti-Money Laundering Act, Data Protection Act, Competition Law and Intellectual Property Act. The course integrates the relevant LEGAL FORMS.</p> <p>The course is a new subject.</p>	New
JD505	Agency, Trust and Partnership	2	<p>A course focusing on important provisions of the laws on Agency (Title X), Partnership (Title IX) and Trusts (Title V) of the Civil Code.</p> <p>The course is a rationalization of the Agency, Trust and Partnership subject.</p>	Agency, Trust and Partnership (3 units)
JD506	Corporation Law	3	<p>A study of the key principles governing private corporations, including foreign corporations and the concept of doing business in the Philippines as found in the Corporation Code and other special laws. The course includes an analysis of the applicable common law and commercial principles underlying the various relationships in the corporate setting, with emphasis on the corporation being a medium for business enterprise and a means of providing for the equity investment market. The course includes the study of the pertinent provisions of The Securities Regulation Code.</p>	Corporation Law (4 units)

			The course is a rationalization of the Corporation Law subject.	
JD601	Criminal Procedure	3	A study of the procedural rules governing the trial and disposition of criminal cases in court, including jurisdiction of courts in criminal cases. The course integrates the relevant LEGAL FORMS.	Same
JD602	Civil Procedure in Dispute Resolution	5	A study on the interplay of procedural laws in the resolution of civil disputes, with an in-depth focus on the jurisdiction in civil actions, and Rules 1 to 71 of the 1997 Rules of Court. The course also integrates discussion on alternative modes of dispute resolution available under the law. The study of the rules is supplemented by a study of applicable jurisprudence. The course integrates the relevant LEGAL FORMS. The course is an integration of the Civil Procedure, and Appropriate Dispute Resolution subjects.	Civil Procedure (4 units), Appropriate Dispute Resolution (2 units)
JD603	Evidence	4	A course which looks into the rules of presentation, admissibility, and weight and sufficiency of evidence, including burden of proof and presumption. The course integrates the relevant LEGAL FORMS.	Same
JD604	Special Proceedings	2	A study of Rules 72-109 of the Revised Rules of Court dealing with the procedural rules on the settlement of estate, will, letters testamentary and administration, escheats, guardian-ship, appointment of trustees, adaption, change of name, cancellation and correction of entries in the Civil Registry and appeals on special proceedings. The course integrates the relevant LEGAL FORMS.	Same
JD901	Political and International Law Review	6	A review course intended for bar examinees focusing on constitutional law, including political law, administrative law, law on public officers and related subjects. The course provides integration of key principles, discussion of important updates and trends.	Constitutional Law Review (4 units)
JD902	Labor Law Review	3	The course is an enhancement of the Constitutional Law Review subject. A review course intended for bar examinees focusing on labor laws, social legislation and related jurisprudence. The course provides integration of key principles,	Labor Law Review (2 units)

			discussion of important updates and trends.	
			The course is an enhancement of the Labor Law Review subject.	
JD903	Civil Law Review	6	A review course intended for bar examinees focusing on civil law, including persons and family relations, obligations and contracts, succession, laws on property, private international law, torts and related subjects. The course provides integration of key principles, discussion of important updates and trends.	Civil Law Review I (4 units), Civil Law Review II (4 units)
			The course is an integration of the Civil Law Review I and Civil Law Review II subjects.	
JD904	Taxation Law Review	3	A review course intended for bar examinees focusing on taxation laws and related jurisprudence. The course provides integration of key principles, discussion of important updates and trends.	Taxation Law Review (2 units)
			The course is an enhancement of the Taxation Law Review subject.	
JD905	Commercial Law Review	6	A review course intended for bar examinees focusing on commercial laws and related jurisprudence. The course provides integration of key principles, discussion of important updates and trends.	Commercial Law Review (4 units)
			The course is an enhancement of the Commercial Law Review subject.	
JD906	Criminal Law Review	4	A review course intended for bar examinees focusing on criminal laws, including special penal laws and related jurisprudence. The course provides integration of key principles, discussion of important updates and trends.	Same
			The course is an enhancement of the Criminal Law Review subject.	
JD907	Remedial Law Review	7	A review course intended for bar examinees focusing on remedial laws, particularly those found under the Rules of Court, and related statutes, as well as relevant jurisprudence. The course provides integration of key principles, discussion of important updates and trends.	Remedial Law Review I (3 units), Remedial Law Review II (3 units)

			The course is an integration of the Remedial Law Review I and Remedial Law Review II subjects.	
JD908	Legal and Judicial Ethics and Practical Exercises	2	A review course intended for bar examinees focusing on legal and judicial ethics and related jurisprudence. The course also provides survey and review of key legal forms and memoranda. The course provides integration of key principles, discussion of important updates and trends.	Legal Counseling and Social Responsibility (2 units)
JDELE	Electives	6	The course is a new offering. The description for the individual elective courses in the interim curriculum adopts those found under LEBMO No. 1.	Same

Section 5. Electives —

1. The list of electives of the model curriculum under LEBMO No. 1 (2011) shall be adopted and made applicable in the interim curriculum.
2. The approved list of electives of a law school may also be applied in the interim curriculum.
3. Finally, law schools may still introduce new electives following the guidelines set by LEBMO No. 14 (2018).

Section 6. Enhancement and Tracks —

1. The academic freedom of law schools to enhance the interim curriculum is recognized, which may be exercised through the following options:
 - a. Adding additional courses;
 - b. Expanding the unit weight;
 - c. Expanding the course description;
 - d. Adding or expanding prerequisites; or,
 - e. Adding institutional requirements.
2. The schools may also enhance the interim curriculum through the creation of tracks, which shall require at least six unit weights of electives and which shall be earned by a student upon accomplishing the academic requirements set by the school. To this end, the following are the suggested tracks and the available electives under LEBMO No. 1 (2011) and their respective course codes, prescribed unit weights and prerequisites:

CODE	ELECTIVES	UNITS	PREREQUISITES
THESIS / RESEARCH TRACK			
JD107	Introduction to Law	1	None
JD108	Legal Profession	1	None
JD109	Legal Technique and Logic	2	None
JD110	Statutory Construction	2	None
JD111	Social Philosophy: Political Theory of the Law	2	None

JD112	Advanced Legal Research and Thesis Writing	2	JD101
JD113	Thesis	4	JD112
LITIGATION TRACK			
JD114	Advanced Legal Writing	1	None
JD115	Legal Counseling	1	None
JD116	Forensics	2	None
JD117	Trial Techniques	2	None
JD118	Appellate Practice and Brief Making	2	None
JD304	Criminal Justice System	2	None
JD305	Special Penal Laws	1	None
JD605	Jurisdiction	2	None
JD606	Modes of Discovery	2	None
JD607	Provisional Remedies	2	None
JD608	Special Civil Action	2	None
JD613	Practicum (Litigation)	2	None
GOVERNANCE TRACK			
JD209	Advanced Constitutional Law Seminar	2	None
JD210	Law on Public Corporation	1	None
JD211	Local Government Finance	2	None
JD212	Government Contracts	2	None
JD614	Practicum (Governance)	2	None
TAXATION TRACK			
JD213	Advanced Taxation	2	JD207, JD208
JD214	Tax Reforms and Policies	2	None
JD215	Estate Planning	1	JD207, JD208, JD401, JD402, JD506
JD216	Taxation of Mergers and Acquisitions	1	None
JD217	Customs and Tariff Laws	2	None
JD218	Law on Importation, Tariff and Customs	2	None
JD219	International Taxation	2	JD207, JD208
JD615	Practicum (Taxation)	2	None
PUBLIC INTEREST TRACK			
JD220	Human Rights Law	2	JD202
JD221	Natural Resources and Environmental Law	2	None
JD222	Environmental Law	2	None
JD223	Environmental Regulations	2	None
JD224	Gender and the Law	2	None
JD225	Children's Rights Law	2	None
JD226	Law on Trade Unionism	1	None
JD227	Law and Economic Development	2	None
JD228	Indigenous Peoples and the Law	2	None
JD229	Media, Law and Ethics	2	None
JD230	Street Law	2	None
JD616	Practicum (Public Interest)	2	None
CORPORATE TRACK			
JD507	Contract Drafting	2	None
JD508	Corporate Governance	2	None
JD509	Corporate Finance	2	JD506
JD510	Legal Accounting	1	None
JD511	Securities Act and Securities and Exchange Commission	2	None

JD512	Law on Securities, Public Offerings and Stock Exchange Listing	2	None
JD513	Due Diligence Process in Mergers and Acquisitions	2	None
JD514	Corporate Suspension of Payments, Rehabilitation and Insolvency	2	None
JD515	Copyright and Intellectual Property	3	None
JD516	General Banking Laws	2	None
JD517	Investment Banking Laws	1	None
JD518	Investment Laws of the Philippines	2	None
JD519	Investment and Incentives Law	2	None
JD520	Laws on Property	4	JD501
JD521	Land Titles and Deeds	2	None
JD522	Sales	2	JD501
JD523	Credit Transactions	3	JD501
JD524	Consumer Protection	2	None
JD525	Real Estate Transactions	2	None
JD526	Negotiable Instruments	2	None
JD527	Law on Franchising	1	None
JD528	Insurance Law	2	None
JD529	Transportation Law	2	JD501
JD530	Information Technology Laws	2	None
JD531	International Commercial Transactions	2	None
JD532	Corporate Practice	2	JD506
JD533	Special Problems in Business Law Practice	2	None
JD609	Appropriate Dispute Resolution	2	None
JD610	Arbitration Laws/Seminar	2	None
JD611	Negotiation Seminar	2	None
JD612	Collective Bargaining	2	None
JD617	Practicum (Corporate)	2	None
INTERNATIONAL TRACK			
JD119	International Moot Court	2	None
JD231	Admiralty	2	None
JD232	Special Issues in International Law	2	None
JD233	Humanitarian Law in Armed Conflicts	2	None
JD234	Refugee Law	2	None
JD235	Immigration Law and Practice	1	None
JD534	International Economic Law I	2	None
JD535	International Economic Law II	2	None
JD536	Seminar on Current Issues on International Economic Law	2	None
JD537	International Business Law	2	None
JD538	Seminar on European Business Law	2	None
JD618	Practicum (International)	2	None

Section 7. Multiple Learning Systems. —

1. Following LEBMO No. 1 (2011), the delivery of instruction shall, as far as practicable, use the inter-disciplinary approach, interrelating with the behavioral sciences and shall reflect the objectives of legal education.
2. Furthermore, given the uncertainties surrounding the pandemic, remote learning shall be encouraged unless public health conditions have eased.

3. Nonetheless, the optional interim curriculum is envisioned to be delivered through a Multiple Learning System (MLS) which emphasizes integrating innovative approaches that blend remote, online, in-person classes and other modalities. Modular delivery of instruction may also be implemented.
4. In this regard, greater instructional flexibility and student learning autonomy is highly encouraged in the interim curriculum.
 - a. Instructional flexibility shall refer to openness to and the use of modern learning management systems and modalities to overcome the challenges of remote learning. This shall also include the recalibration of teaching techniques that focuses on foundational and critical topics instead of a detailed and exhaustive approach to teaching.
 - b. Student learning autonomy, meanwhile, shall refer to the expectation of and increased level of independence by the learner to manage their academic goals on the basis of their capacities, resources and pace with limited interventions from their instructors. This shall be grounded in the status of law students as graduate students who are expected to contribute the majority of the effort in learning.
 - c. Complementarily, focus on higher order thinking skills is encouraged in the development of assessment methods for student's performance.
5. A more detailed discussion on the MLS is hereby attached as Annex A.

Section 8. Implementation and Transitioning. —

1. The optional interim curriculum shall be implemented in the Academic Year 2020 – 2021 and until the conditions resulting from the pandemic persists as determined by the Board.
2. The law school may apply the interim curriculum to students of any year level of study, following the equivalencies set under Section 4 of this LEBMO.
 - a. A student who has already passed the equivalent model curriculum course is deemed to have passed the counterpart interim curriculum course.
 - b. In case of multiple courses integrated into a new course, a student must pass all the equivalent model curriculum courses to be considered to have passed the counterpart interim curriculum course; otherwise, the student may choose to simply take and pass the counterpart interim curriculum course. In the latter case, law professors are encouraged to partially credit the student's performance in the integrated equivalent model curriculum courses already passed in computing for the final rating of the counterpart interim curriculum course.
 - c. If a student did not pass the equivalent model curriculum course, they may simply take and pass the counterpart interim curriculum course.
 - d. For students who are enrolled at an irregular year level of study, the equivalency of all their passed model curriculum courses shall be evaluated at an individual basis without affecting or being affected by their irregular status.
 - e. In all the foregoing cases, the differences in the unit weight between equivalent courses shall be disregarded, and either course shall be deemed

fulfilled by the accomplishment of the other despite the unit weight difference.

3. If the interim curriculum is applied to students under the current model Juris Doctor Thesis Curriculum, the resulting program of study may be referred to as the Juris Doctor Interim Curriculum with Research Track as suggested in Section 6(2) of this LEBMO.
4. Moreover, while law schools are allowed to tailor fit the interim curriculum to their needs, they shall however be required to maintain the minimum standards set under this LEBMO.
 - a. Therefore, for students to whom the interim curriculum has been applied, their studies must be completed following the minimum standards herein set.
 - b. In the event that the interim curriculum is discontinued, the transitioning out of courses shall also follow, whenever applicable, the converse equivalencies set in Sections 4 and 8(2) of this LEBMO.
 - c. Nonetheless, the final academic transcript of students to whom the interim curriculum will be applied or discontinued in the middle of the program may be presented eventually as a hybrid integration of the model and interim curricula.
5. Noting the extraordinary nature of this curricular revision, the LEB shall organize the necessary seminar to orient and capacitate law school administrators and registrars to seamlessly implement this LEBMO.

Section 9. Application.

1. Law schools may adopt the optional interim curriculum by submitting the following:
 - a. Application Letter signed by the Dean;
 - b. Updated Curriculum Outline showing the interim curriculum, as optionally enhanced by the school;
 - c. List of approved electives or those not found in LEBMO No. 1, if any, and,
 - d. Other relevant information.
2. To allow for efficiency, the application of a law school to adopt the optional interim curriculum is hereby automatically approved subject to the rapid assessment of the Regulatory Division that the application complies with the minimum standards set under this LEBMO.

Section 10. Saving clause. Nothing in this LEBMO amends or repeals previous LEBMOs or Memorandum Circulars, and the Model Curriculum under LEBMO No. 1 (2011), as amended, shall remain in force.

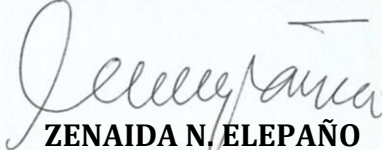
Section 11. Separability clause. If any part of this memorandum order is declared invalid or unconstitutional, all other provisions shall remain valid and effective.

Section 12. Effectivity. Due to its non-mandatory and discretionary nature, this LEBMO shall become effective immediately. Nonetheless, it shall be published in a newspaper of

general circulation and a copy shall be deposited in the National Administrative Register of the University of the Philippines Law Center.

Issued under the seal of the Legal Education Board this 24th day of July 2020 in Quezon City.

For the Board:



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