

Course Plan

Course Title: Legal Methods	Course Code: 21LALC101
Programme: B.A.LL.B.	Semester: I
Credits: 4	L-T-P: 3-1-0
ISA Marks: 50	ESA Marks: 50
Course Teacher: Ayush Jha	Date of Preparation: 4 th September 2021
Course Plan Reviewer: Mr.Ayush Jha	Date of Review: 6 th September 2021

Course Objective

Law is an autonomous discipline and has its own materials and methods. However, law is related to other processes in society, mainly social, political and cultural. This course is designed to familiarise the students with basic research skills, sources of legal materials, to find the law and case law and to make the students appreciate law in the context of other social processes. The course will lay groundwork for a student to think and act like a lawyer.

Course Outcomes (COs)

- Describe the main ideas of law and its relationships with various disciplines
- Classify the different laws, wrongs, and legal systems
- Write a research essay
- Find law from various legal materials
- Apply case law techniques and rules of interpretation in legal studies

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Mapping of Course Outcomes (COs) with Program Outcomes

Course Outcomes (COs)	Relevant Program Outcomes (POs)
Describe the main ideas of law and its relationships with various disciplines	1,3
Classify the different laws, wrongs, and legal systems	1
Write a research essay	1,2,3
Find law from various legal materials	1
Apply case law techniques and rules of interpretation in legal studies	6

Course Content

Unit Contents	Number of Sessions
Unit I	15
Unit II	15
Unit III	15
Unit IV	15
Unit V	15
Total	75

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Prescribed Text Books

- Lloyd Dennis, Idea of Law, London; Penguin Books Chapters 1 and 9, 2000.
- Glanville Williams, Learning the Law, London, Stevens & Sons 1982.

References

- The Law of Judicial Precedent, Bryan A. Garner, Carlos Bea et. al., Thomson Reuters, 2016.
- Precedent in English Law, Rupert Cross, J. W. Harris, Clarendon Press, 1991.
- Salmond on Jurisprudence, P. J. Fitzgerald, London: Sweet and Maxwell, 1966.
- Murray, Rowena. "How to Write a Thesis." (2017).
- <https://researchguides.ben.edu/>
- <https://researchguides.ben.edu/research-basics>

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Unit Wise Plan

Unit Number: I	Planned Sessions: 15
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Unit Learning Outcomes

Unit Learning Outcomes	COs	BL
State the necessity of law in light of various debates on the topic.	1	2
Organise information about various disciplines and their connection with law.	2	2

Topic Wise Plan

S.No.	Topic	Number of Sessions	Pedagogy
1	What is Law? Meaning and Definition	5	Lecture and Discussion
2	Is Law necessary?	2	Lecture and Discussion
3	Purpose and Functions of Law	2	Lecture and Discussion
4	Law and Society	2	Lecture and Discussion
5	Connection of Law with Other Disciplines	2	Lecture and Discussion
6	Sources of Law - Statutes, Precedents, Customs, Values	2	Lecture and Discussion

Prescribed Reading(s) / Learning Resource(s)

- Salmond on Jurisprudence
- Lloyd Dennis, Idea of Law, London; Penguin Books Chapter 1
- Lloyd Dennis, Idea of Law, London; Penguin Books Chapter 9

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Industry/Professional Skills, Human Values, Service Learning

Industry/Professional Skills	Legal Research
Human Values	Integrity

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Unit Wise Plan

Unit Number: II	Planned Sessions: 15
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Unit Learning Outcomes

Unit Learning Outcomes	COs	BL
Describe the origin of the common law system.	1	2
Describe the English common law system and its connection with the Indian system	1,2	2
Describe the origin of the civil law system	1,2	2
Describe the origin of the civil law system	1,2	2
Identify the characteristics of a given system and connect it with the concepts learnt about common law and civil law systems.	3	2
Explain concepts learnt to identify key elements of ADR mechanisms	6	3

Topic Wise Plan

S.No.	Topic	Number of Sessions	Pedagogy
1	Classification of Laws/Legal Systems - Public-Private, Procedural-Substantive, Municipal-International, Civil-Criminal	4	Group Activity
2	Kinds of Wrongs	3	Lecture and Discussion
3	Legal Systems - Common Law System, Legal System in England and India, Civil Law System	4	Group Activity
4	Systems of Dispute Resolution - Adversarial, Inquisitorial	2	Movie Screening followed by Lecture and Discussion

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5	Brief Overview of Alternate Dispute Resolution Systems	1	Guest Lecture by ADR Professional

Prescribed Reading(s) / Learning Resource(s)

Industry/Professional Skills, Human Values, Service Learning

Industry/Professional Skills	
Human Values	

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Unit Wise Plan

Unit Number: III	Planned Sessions: 15
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Unit Learning Outcomes

Unit Learning Outcomes	COs	BL
Explain what is research and how logic and reasoning is the backbone of good research	1	2
Differentiate between primary and secondary resources	2	3
Outline the steps and skills involved in legal research	1	2
Explain the importance of referencing and identify the style of referencing.	2	3
Describe the meaning of plagiarism and significance of academic integrity	3	2
Write an academic research paper/essay	6	5

Topic Wise Plan

S.No.	Topic	Number of Sessions	Pedagogy
1	Research - Meaning and Significance of Research	1	Lecture and Discussion
2	Conducting Research - Steps - Developing a Topic,	2	Individual Mind Mapping Exercise
3	Locating and Collecting Information	3	Group Activity
4	- Primary and Secondary Sources,	2	Lecture and Discussion
5	Evaluating and Analysing Information and Sources,	2	Lecture and Discussion
6	Using, Organising and Communicating Information,	3	Writing Exercise

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7	Complying with Legal, Ethical and Moral Standards	2	Citeathon
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Prescribed Reading(s) / Learning Resource(s)

- <https://researchguides.ben.edu/research-basics>

Industry/Professional Skills, Human Values, Service Learning

Industry/Professional Skills	Academic Research, Academic Writing
Human Values	Integrity

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Unit Wise Plan

Unit Number: IV	Planned Sessions: 10
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Unit Learning Outcomes

Unit Learning Outcomes	COs	BL
Find the law from texts and law reports	1,2	2
Find the law from online databases	1	2

Topic Wise Plan

S.No.	Topic	Number of Sessions	Pedagogy
1	Legal Materials - Statutes - Kinds, Parts of Statute, Judgments, Law Reports, Reports of Law Commissions, Constituent Assembly Debates	10	Class exercise

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Unit Wise Plan

Unit Number: V	Planned Sessions: 15
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Unit Learning Outcomes

Unit Learning Outcomes	COs	BL
Explain what legislation means and how a legislation is made		
Describe what is case law and the difference between a case and a case law		
Read the bare act and understand its different parts		
Identify ratio decidendi and obiter dicta in simple cases		

Topic Wise Plan

S.No.	Topic	Number of Sessions	Pedagogy
1	Precedent, Doctrine of Stare Decisis	2	Lecture and Discussion
2	Ratio Decidendi	2	Lecture and Discussion
3	Obiter Dicta	2	Lecture and Discussion
4	Factors affecting value of precedent	2	Lecture and Discussion
5	Rules of interpretation of statutes	4	Lecture and Discussion
6	Question of Law and Question of Fact	2	Group Activity
7	Application of law to facts	2	Group Activity

Prescribed Reading(s) / Learning Resource(s)

- Learning the Law - Glanville Williams

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- Question of Law and Question of Fact - Salmond on Jurisprudence

Industry/Professional Skills, Human Values, Service Learning

Industry/Professional Skills	Analytical Thinking

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Evaluation Scheme for ISA

Assessment	Weightage in Marks
Mid-Term Exam	40
Teacher Chosen Assessment	10
Total	50

Teacher Chosen Assessment Method

Component	Details	Weightage
Reflection Writing	A student is required to submit reflections of at least 10 weeks of classes conducted during the whole semester. In this activity one must reflect upon the learning takeaways of the whole week and write down in not less than 500 words.	5
Research Essay	A student is required to submit an essay of at least 1000 words on a topic of his/her choice.	5

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Weightage of Course Outcomes

Course Outcomes (COs)	Weightage in Assessment
Describe the main ideas of law and its relationships with various disciplines	25
Classify the different laws, wrongs, and legal systems	25
Write a research essay	5
Find law from various legal materials	20
Apply case law techniques and rules of interpretation in legal studies	25
Total	100

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