

DEPARTMENT OF LAW
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INTEGRATED PRE-Ph.D. (IPP) COURSE CURRICULAM

A PROPOSAL



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DURATION OF COURSE WORK: ONE SEMESTER

COURSE STRUCTURE

1. 501: **Research Methodology** (Inter school level course)
2. 502: **Advance Legal Theories** (Inter department level course)
3. 503: **Affirmative Action and Legal Knowledge** (Department level course)
4. 504: **Term Paper** (Research area specific course)

501
Research Methodology
(Inter school level course)
Full Marks-100

Unit – I

- (a) Meaning, Significance and Importance of Research in Legal Field
- (b) Types of Research
- (c) Research Problem
- (d) Research Process
- (e) Hypothesis
- (f) Criteria of Good Research
- (g) Challenges and Opportunities for Good Research in India

Unit – II

Types of Research; Methodology in Legal Research; Doctrinal and Applied Research and their Scope in Legal Research

Unit – III

Acquiring Knowledge Relating to Research; Theoretical and Applied Knowledge; Assumptions; Hypothesis and its Scope and Relevance in Legal Research; Propositions

Unit – IV

Research Proposal : Selection of Research Problem; Rationale and Importance of Study; Review of Literature; Formulation of Research Issues; Collection of Data and Methodology; Structure of Study.

Unit – V

Preparation of Report : Steps in Report Writing; Use of Research Report; Testing of Hypothesis; Characteristics of Good Report.

502
Advance Legal Theories
(Inter department level course)
Full Marks: 100

Unit - I

Legal Theory : Problems and Possibilities; Is a General Theory of Law Possible? What is Conceptual Claims and How Can One Evaluate Them; Different Approaches to Law; Law and Conceptual Analysis; Boundary Lines in Law

Unit – II

Individual Theories about the Nature of Law

H.L.A. Hart and Legal Positivism; Hans Kelsen's Pure Theory of Law; Natural Law Theory; Understanding Lon Fuller; Ronald Dworkin's Approach to Women's Reproductive Autonomy

Unit - III

Themes and Principles

Justice; Liberty; Equality; Punishment; Will and Reasons; Common Law Reasoning and Precedent; Interpretation and Legislative Intention

Unit – IV

Legal Enforcement of Law; Obligation to Obey the Law; Making Society Better Through the Use of Law; Limits of Law; Law and Literature

Unit – V

Modern Perspectives on Legal Theory

Formalism in Legal System; Transformation of Indian Laws; Economic Analysis of Law; Critical Legal Studies; Feminist Legal Theory; Pragmatism and Postmodernism.

503
Affirmative Action and Legal Knowledge
(Department level course)
Full Marks –100

Unit – I

- (a) Meaning, Significance and Scope of Affirmative Action
- (b) History and Development of Affirmative Action in India
- (c) Affirmative Action and Reservations
- (d) Social Stratifications and Affirmative Action

Unit – II

- (a) International Framework Relating to Affirmative Action
- (b) Regional Commitments to Weaker Sections and Vulnerable Groups
- (c) Constitutional Provisions Concerning Affirmative Action

Unit – III

- (a) National Legal Framework Concerning Affirmative Action Policies
- (b) State Laws Relating to Affirmative Action Policies
- (c) Legal Position in Other Countries

Unit – IV

- (a) Policies and Programmes
- (b) Affirmative Action Initiatives
- (c) Uses and Abuses of Policies and Programmes
- (d) Merits and Demerits of Caste-based Reservations

Unit – V

- (a) Legal Knowledge of Contemporary Issues
- (b) Legal Vocabulary and Legal Terms
- (c) Case Analysis and Case Comment
- (d) Use of Law in the Solution of Social Problems
- (e) Assessment of Impact Factors on Legal System

504
Term Paper
(Research Area Specific Course)
Full Marks-100

A candidate admitted to Pre-Ph.D. Programme needs to write a term paper on a topic under the guidance of a teacher.