

COURSE TITLE	TELECOMMUNICATION LAW
COURSE CODE	10FL0906
COURSE CREDITS	4

Objective:

- 1 To analyse legal issues that arise in the course of implementation of Telecommunication projects in India
- 2 To critically analyze the laws, policies, and reforms carried out in the Telecommunication sector.
- 3 To acquire knowledge and understanding of laws on Telecommunication in India.
- 4 To explain the constitutional and the general legal context in which the Telecommunication sector operates.
- 5 To examine the working and importance of independent regulation in Telecommunication sector.
- 6 To analyse legal issues that arise in the course of implementation of Telecommunication projects in India.
- 7 To critically analyses of the laws, policies and the reforms carried out in Telecommunication sector.

Course Outcomes: After completion of this course, student will be able to:

- 1 To understand the basics in Telecommunication laws in order to undertake advanced courses in the field
- 2 To analyze the comparative assessment of the regulatory laws and policies of the different Telecommunication sectors.
- 3 To interpret the main aspects of the legal framework that governs the development of Telecommunication projects through private participation
- 4 To evaluate the core issues in the general and specific Telecommunication sector.
- 5 To apply various laws, policies, judicial pronouncements, and reforms in the field of the Telecommunication sector.

Pre-requisite of course:N/A

Teaching and Examination Scheme

Theory Hours	Tutorial Hours	Practical Hours	ESE	IA	CSE	Viva	Term Work
3	1	0	50	30	20	0	0

Contents : Unit	Topics	Contact Hours
1	Introduction Need for Telecommunication sector development, Historical Background of the Telecommunication Sector in India, Introduction of National scenario and institutions in Telecommunication sector. , Introduction of international scenario and institutions in Telecommunication sector, Introduction of legal basis for Telecommunication regulation in India	10
2	Regulatory Framework on Telecommunications Governing Legislation: Telegraph Act, 1885;, The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Act, 1997, 2000 Amendments; , Department of Telecommunications: Role and Functions, Licensing, Spectrum Allocation, Universal Service Obligation Fund; , Terms and Conditions for registration of Other Service Providers (OSPs);, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India: Composition, Role and Functions, Recommendatory and Regulatory Powers , Key TRAI Regulations: Interconnection, Tariffs, Quality of Service, Number Portability, Radiation and Safety Issues, Accessibility, Net Neutrality	15
3	Consumer Protection and Competition Policy Different types of disputes, Provisions under the Telegraph Act, 1885; , Role of TDSAT under TRAI Act; , Role of TRAI and the regulations for Consumer Protection, Role of Consumer Courts Competition Policy and Telecom sector.	10
4	Broadcasting and Cable Regulation Legal issues relating to right to broadcast – powers of Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, TRAI Self-regulation	10
Total Hours		45

Suggested List of Experiments:

Contents : Unit	Topics	Contact Hours
1	Issues related to telecommunication law Contemporary issues in telecommunication law	15
Total Hours		15

Textbook :

- 1 Telecommunications Law and Policy 3rd ed. , Stuart Minor Benjamin, Howard Shelanski, James B. Speta and Philip J. Weiser,, NA, 2012

References:

- 1 Telecommunications Law and Policy , Telecommunications Law and Policy , Stuart Minor Benjamin, Howard Shelanski, James B. Speta and Philip J. Weiser, Durham, N.C. : Carolina Academic Press, 2012

Suggested Theory Distribution:

The suggested theory distribution as per Bloom's taxonomy is as follows. This distribution serves as guidelines for teachers and students to achieve effective teaching-learning process

Distribution of Theory for course delivery

Remember / Knowledge	Understand	Apply	Analyze	Evaluate	Higher order Thinking / Creative
10.00	10.00	30.00	10.00	20.00	20.00

Supplementary Resources:

- 1 <https://www.trai.gov.in/>