

COURSE TITLE	LEGAL METHODS
COURSE CODE	10FL2101
COURSE CREDITS	4

Objective:

- 1 To provide an understanding of the law's meaning, importance, and role in society
- 2 To provide an understanding of the nature & development of law and legal systems
- 3 To know the structure of the legal institutions and the hierarchy of courts in India.
- 4 To know the various sources of law and be able to synthesize such sources and use them to formulate arguments in their research; be familiar with legal research sources and tools and basic techniques of legal and logical reasoning.

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

- 1 Understand the concept, sources, and functions of law and various legal systems of the world.
- 2 Understand the hierarchy of the Indian courts and their jurisdictions
- 3 Understand judicial reasoning and its application in the Courts.
- 4 Acquire the ability to identify legal issues and principles underlying any given factual situation and to undertake and present research on such issues.
- 5 Equip with the basics of legal research methodology and legal writing.

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	Law- Meaning, Nature, and Functions Concept and Definition of law and legal system – Law, A Law, The Law, Function of Law, Classification of Law: i. Public and Private Law ii. Substantive and Procedural Law iii. Municipal and International Law, Kinds of Legal Systems i. Civil Legal Systems ii. Common Legal Systems iii. Religious Legal Systems iv. Customary Legal Systems v. Hybrid Legal Systems, Difference between Bill, Act, Code, Statute, Ordinance, Order, Bye-Law, Rule, Regulation, Department Circular, and Notification.	11

Contents : Unit	Topics	Contact Hours
2	Sources of Law Custom , Precedent, Legislation, Statutory Interpretation, Legislative History, • Commentaries., Sources of International-Treaty law, international customary law, and general principles of law recognized by civilized nations	12
3	Basic Concepts of the Indian Legal System Indian Constitution: Salient Features, Basic Structure Doctrine, The Rule of Law, Doctrine of Separation of Powers, Judicial system in India i. Hierarchy of Courts ii. Jurisdiction of the Courts	10
4	Legal Writing and Research Meaning & Importance of Legal Research., Kinds of Legal Research, Process of Legal Research, Sources of Legal Research- Primary & Secondary, Statutes, Reports, Journals, Manuals, Bill, Act., Case Analysis- FILAC and IRAC methods, Preparation of Briefs, Citations and Bibliography., New Dimensions in Legal Research- Use of Online Databases and e-resources, How to search the Cause List.	12
Total Hours		45

Suggested List of Experiments:

Contents : Unit	Topics	Contact Hours
1	Tutorial exercises related to Legal Writing and Research Tutorial exercises related to Legal Writing and Research Research	15
Total Hours		15

Textbook :

- 1 Legal Methods, Dr. G.P Tripathi, Central Law Publications, 2022

References:

- 1 Learning the Law, Learning the Law, A.T.H. Smith , Sweet & Maxwell , 2023

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