

COURSE TITLE	RESEARCH METHODS AND LEGAL WRITING
COURSE CODE	10LM0101
COURSE CREDITS	3

Objective:

- 1 Understand different components of legal research and their application
- 2 To Know Research Methodology
- 3 To understand different components of legal research and their application
- 4 To be able to contribute to the development of socio-legal dimensions
- 5 Acquaintance with the meaning, theories and methods of research.
- 6 Able to contribute to the development of socio-legal dimensions.
- 7 Know research methodology
- 8 Understand different components of legal research and their application.
- 9 Able to contribute to the development of socio-legal dimensions

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

- 1 Acquaintance with the meaning, theories and methods of research
- 2 Understand various types and techniques of research
- 3 Develop various techniques to conduct research of the social phenomena, especially the legal phenomenon

Pre-requisite of course: Know research methodology ? Understand different components of legal research and their application. ? Able to contribute to the development of socio-legal dimensions.

Teaching and Examination Scheme

Theory Hours	Tutorial Hours	Practical Hours	ESE	IA	CSE	Viva	Term Work
2	1	0	50	30	20	0	0

Contents : Unit	Topics	Contact Hours
1	Introduction a. Definition and Meaning of Research, b. Objectives- Motivation- Significance, c. Interrelation between Research and Knowledge, Levels and Types of Knowledge	
2	Research Methods a. Doctrinal or Traditional Research Methods- Meaning, Characteristics, Merits and Demerits, b. Non-Doctrinal or Empirical Research- Meaning, Characteristics, Merits and Demerits, c. Socio-Legal Research Methods: Need and Significance, d. Induction and Deduction Research Methods	

Contents : Unit	Topics	Contact Hours
3	Legal Research a. Meaning, Nature, Scope and Objectives of Legal Research , b. Methods of Legal Research , c. Collaborative Research , d. Social Value and Research, Logic and Research, e. Scientific Method and Research	
4	Research Design a. Identification and Formulation of Research Problem, b. Hypothesis and Research Design (Characteristics and contents), c. Database for Legal Research: Legislations, Judicial Decisions, Juristic Writings , d. Traditional and Online Databases , e. Research techniques	
5	Legal Writing a. Meaning and Significance, b. Research Report Writing – Dissertation & Thesis, c. Footnotes – Blue Book Citations - ILI Format – MLA Format, d. Bibliography, e. E-Resources, f. Plagiarism	
Total Hours		

Suggested List of Experiments:

Contents : Unit	Topics	Contact Hours
1	Introduction a. Interrelation between Research and Knowledge, b. Types of Knowledge	
2	Research Methods a. Doctrinal , b. Non-Doctrinal , c. Socio- Legal Research	
3	Legal Research a. Methods of Legal Research , b. Collaborative Research, c. Social Value and Research	
4	Research Design a. Research Design , b. Database for Legal Research	
5	Legal Writing a. Report Writing , b. Footnotes – Blue Book Citations - ILI Format – MLA Format	
Total Hours		

Textbook :

- 1 Textbook on Legal Methods, Legal Systems and Research, , Prof. Tushar Kanti Saha, , Universal Law Publishing Co., New Delhi,, 2010

References:

- 1 Methodology and Techniques of Social Research, , Methodology and Techniques of Social Research, , Wilkinson & Bhandarkar, Himalaya Publishing House, New Delhi , 2010

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

Instructional Method:

- 1 Classroom Teaching
- 2 Seminar
- 3 Tutorial Experiences
- 4 Expert Lectures
- 5 Research Project