

Legal Methods

Objective

This course is designed to impart upon the students a set of skills essential to the profession of Law. Main objectives are:

- To be aquatinted with the fundamental understanding of the concept of law.
- To be conversant with various legal systems of the world.
- To be able to understand the classification of law and administration of justice in India.
- To develop familiarity with various methods of legal reasoning and research.
- To learn to analyze statutes, cases and other sources of law.
- To be able to discern relevant facts and apply legal principle to facts.
- To acquire ability to write more clearly, succinctly and improve oral communications.
- To learn to prepare a variety of legal documents and to cite legal authorities correctly in those documents.
- To understand and appreciate the process of legal research, including various types of legal research materials including the methods of accessing them, both in print and electronic.

Course Content

Legal Methods is a course for beginners in Law. It is a course in method or process of locating and identifying legal principles from legal literatures and materials. The set of skills expected to be inculcated among students are research, writing, knowledge of meaning, purpose and function of Law, legal system, administration of justice etc. It is not the intent to make the student expert in any of these areas but rather to provide a minimum level of familiarity with these areas and skills.

Module No.	Modules	No. of Sessions (Classes)
1	Concept of Law	8
2	Sources of Law	7
3	Legal Systems	5
4	Administration of Justice	7
5	Moot Court : Significance in Legal Education	6
6	Learning the Law: I (Statute)	5
7	Learning the Law: II (Precedent and Case law method)	9
8	Learning the Law: III (Research and Research Methodology)	8

Course Information

Course offered in:

BALLB/BScLLB/BBALLB/BSWLLB /BBMLLB

Course Type: Compulsory

Semester: I

Examination Type:

Written + Practical

Number of Credits: 4

Faculty

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Teaching Methodology

The course comprises of 55 lectures. The course will largely be taught through interactive learning process such as,

- Group discussion
- Group exercise
- Class room debates
- There will be surprise presentation/test and class room assessment.
- The evaluation process will be continuous and spread over the entire semester.

Assessment

- Continuous Evaluation (Moot Court) = 20 Marks
- Mid Semester Exam (duration: 2 Hrs.) = 30 Marks
- End Semester Exam (duration: 3 Hrs.) = 50 Marks

Indicative Reading

For detailed list of prescribed readings and recommended readings, students have to refer to detailed course outline sent by faculty member at the commencement of the Semester.